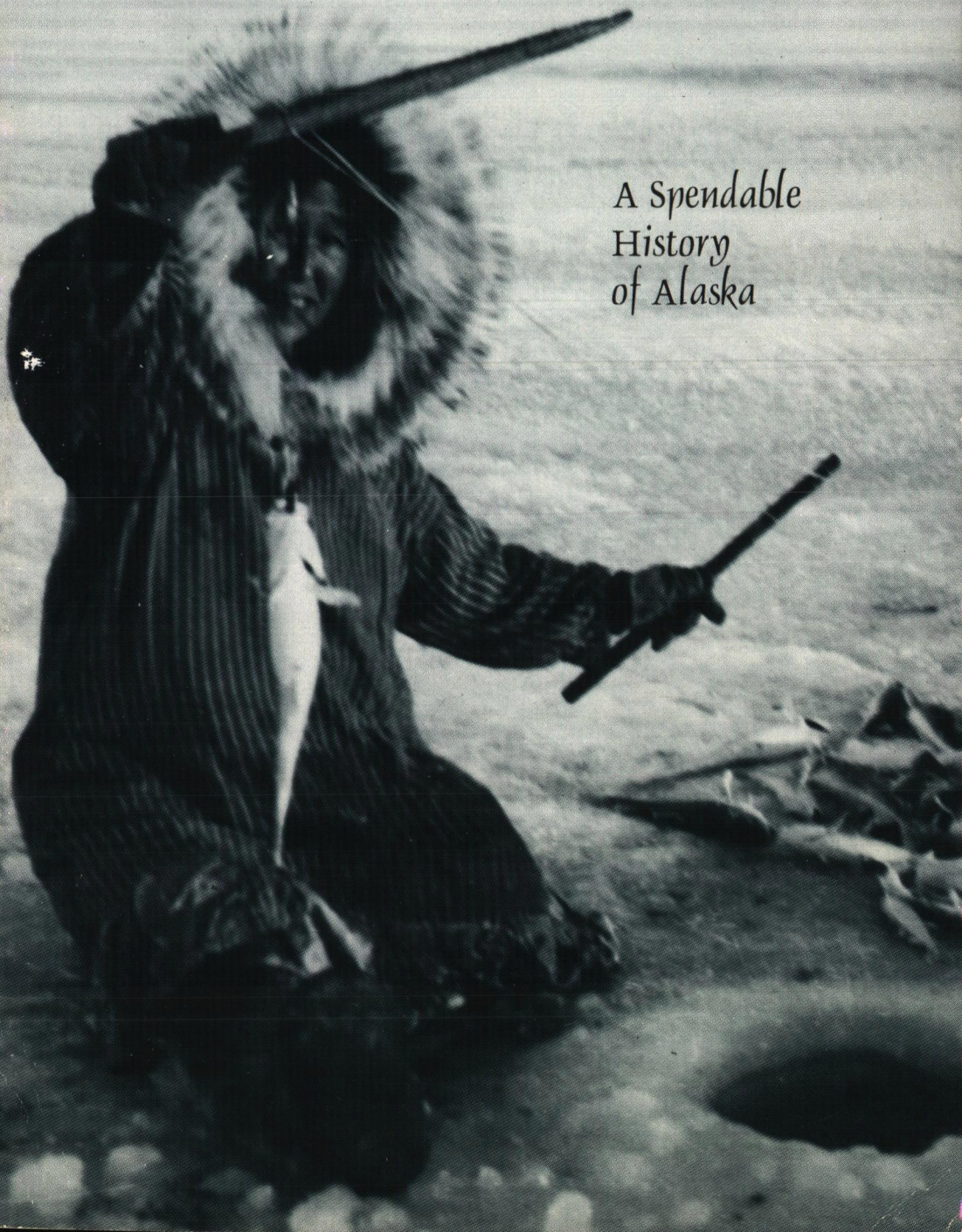


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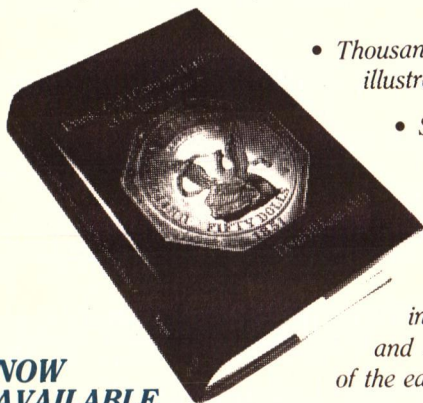
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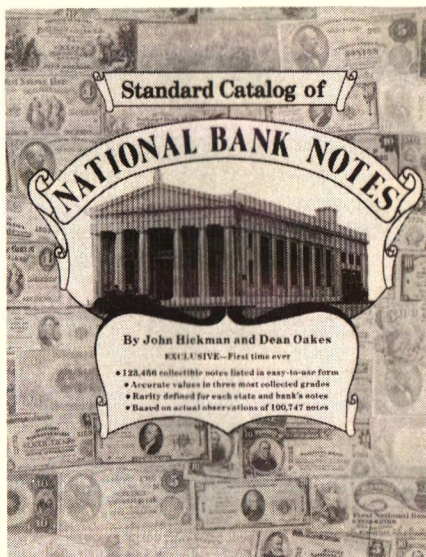
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My congratulations to the Royal British Mint for providing an excellent numismatic tour of Scotland, Wales and England. Twenty-eight collectors flew to London after the close of ANA's Boston convention. We were met in London by a guide who led us to our bus for the ride to Cardiff, Wales. The tour of the new Royal British Mint, near Cardiff, was a most interesting visit to an up-to-date minting facility relocated from its former crowded building in downtown London.

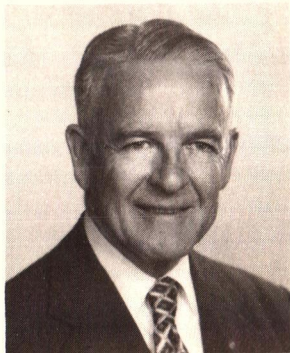
The two weeks in Great Britain were not confined solely to numismatics, as we toured Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, Chester (a lovely walled Roman city), Edinburgh and London. Returning to England from Scotland, we stopped in Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the residence of Dr. Robert Bell, a numismatic writer and fellow member of the ANA. We were also given the opportunity to tour the Heaton Mint, a private mint located in Birmingham that contracts for the striking of coins for many countries. A highlight of our London stop was a visit with sculptor Paul Vincze and his wife Betty. At Mr. Vincze's studio, we saw some of his galvanos and medals struck over the many years of his prominent career.

Upon returning to the United States, I received a call from Congressman Frank Annunzio's office requesting official ANA testimony before the House Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage concerning a proposed bill by Representative Ron Paul (R-Tex.). The bill—the American Gold Eagle Coin Act of 1982—proposes nonlegal-tender gold "Eagles" in weights of one-, half-, quarter-, and one-tenth-ounces to be sold through banks and other institutions. The obverse would be similar to the 1908 U.S. Double Eagle with a reverse featuring the Great Seal of the United States.

In my testimony I recommended that the obverse design contain 50 border stars, not the 46 as on the 1908 nor the 48 on the 1912 gold coins. Additionally I recommended that the proposed "Eagle" one-troy-ounce gold coin be called a "Double Eagle," as were the previous gold coin issues, with the remaining pieces called "Eagles," "Half Eagles," and "Quarter Eagles." It was also recommended that marketing procedures be handled in such a way that the buyer may receive the gold coin at the time of purchase. The proposed bill was supported by the Treasury Department, the Bureau of the Mint and several dealer representatives.

While in Washington, I presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Congressman Frank Annunzio for his continued legislative assistance to numismatics. As a token of appreciation from the ANA Board of Governors, I also presented Honorary Life Memberships in the ANA to Treasurer of the United States Mrs. Angela Buchanan Jackson, to the Director of the United States Mint and to the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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Brenner Reprint Draws Commentary

In the September edition on pages 2238 through 2255 you printed a copy of "The Art Of The Medal" by V.D. Brenner and on page 2257 Mr. Glenn Smedley referred to the article as a book. I would like to add my comments to those of Mr. Smedley.

The article was published by the De Vinne Press for the American Numismatic Society (ANS) and at that time was referred to as a pamphlet which I believe is a better description than book. More important than what we call the article is the fact that there are at least five other articles published under Victor Brenner's name as noted below:

1. *Art and the Medal*. This was a paper read by Brenner before the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society (the name was changed in 1907 to American Numismatic Society) and published in "Proceedings ANS 1896."
2. *Various Methods of Making a Medal*. Another paper read before the ANAS and published in "Proceedings ANS 1902."
3. *Medals and Plaques*. Published in the "Metropolitan Museum Bulletin" in 1906.
4. *The Art and Craft of the Medalist*. Published in "Scientific American," June 22, 1907.
5. *Brief Sketch of the Progress in the United States of the Medallion Art*. Published in "Memoires du Congres Internat de Numismatics," Brussels, 1910.

Being a medalist and author was not all for this fantastic man. In 1900, Andrew C. Zabriskie convinced the ANS to establish a school for the training of young medalists in the art of medal and die cutting. Charles J. Pike was hired as the first instructor and Victor Brenner was the second, hired to teach the designing and modeling of jewelry. Brenner also served for a year as a teacher at the National Academy of Design.

It seems that his entire life was totally

engulfed in "the art of the medal" from age 13 when he was apprenticed to his father to learn the trade of graver until his death in 1924.

George C. West, ANA 92637

In addition to the "pamphlet" The Art of the Medal, Victor D. Brenner wrote a short article (untitled) on making a struck medal for the Catalogue of Medals and Plaques by Victor D. Brenner exhibited at The Grolier Club, March 7 to March 23, 1907. This 7 x 4 1/4 inch, 34-page catalogue, also printed by The DeVinne Press, has a foreword by F.D. Millet, a contemporary American painter. It listed 54 items by Brenner, the last one being a "frame containing 27 pieces." The exhibition included three of the finest productions of his lifetime but not, of course, any of his four Lincolns.

Glenn B. Smedley

Reader Feels Roosevelt Maligned

In your August 1982 issue you published an article by Frederick M. Finney, "Rationing Coupons and Price Controls" which was a highly politicized attack on President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the "New Deal."

Mr. Finney's slanting is evident in such passages as "New Deal views of developing a planned economy," "the government had its roots and soul in centralized planning for all functions of government," "had planned for some time to infuse more money into the economy . . . as part of its still lingering New Deal scheme . . ." There's no proof of any of this and more impartial historians of the New Deal indicate that much of it evolved as a pragmatic response to the conditions of the time (the direst depression ever faced in our history).

Finney talks about price controls being established by Executive Order, but fails to mention that Congress passed the enabling legislation at Roosevelt's urging. Finney dwells on the control of OPA by Leon Henderson (praised by other historians as a man of great courage and integrity), and "the professors," but says little of the important role played by Chester Bowles, a business executive, or the con-

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servative James Byrenes who ran the whole Economic Stabilization program. Finney implies that there was control over prices with no control over wages; there was control over both.

Finney deplores the fact that "a rich man's money was no better than a poor man's." That was the idea: while the soldier was sacrificing his labor and life, his family, at least, would not face deprivation, as in other wars.

This was the first war in American, if not world history, where inflation was held to such low levels; prices rose only 1.4 percent from 1943-1945 when the "bureaucratic controls" were finally in effect, the bureaucratic controls necessary to check black markets which always appear in such situations. F.D.R. deserves praise for this, not condemnation.

Saul Schlinder, ANA 55741

More Suggestions for SBA Dollar

Concerning the future of the Susan B. Anthony dollar, the answer is not to change the quarter as suggested by William Radeker in the September 1982 issue of *The Numismatist*. Why change something that has been working fine since 1932?

The problem lies in the dollar itself. First, the size of the dollar causes problems. If you can see both the quarter and the dollar at the same time, it is easy to tell them apart. But if you are blind the difference is confusing. Of course, the answer to this problem was to make the inner edges of the coin octagonal. A good answer, but like all coins, long time circulation would eventually remove this design.

This leaves me to say, why not make the coin with a flat edge like that of the Lincoln cent and Jefferson nickel? This would allow for a physical difference as well as a design difference.

Michael Jacobs

Collector Seeks Dogs on Notes

As a collector of "Dogs on Bank Notes," I would like to hear from readers of *The Numismatist* who can help me "chase" this tough topical subject.

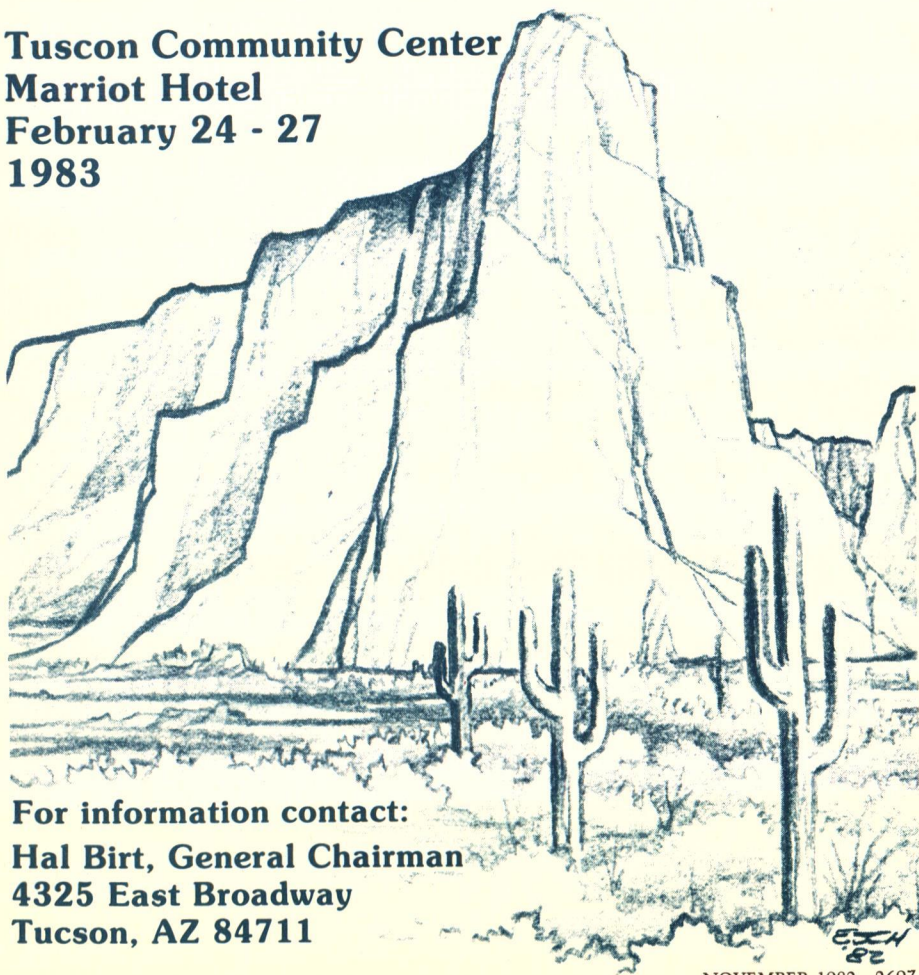
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came from the sale of an 1860 20-lire coin from Emilia, which although estimated at \$4,000, sold for \$24,000; a Naples 1825 15-ducats that quadrupled its pre-auction price and was hammered down for \$40,000; and an 1814 Sardinian doppia, estimated at \$1,500, that sold for \$15,500. An 1814 Sicilian 2-oncie sold for \$11,000 against an estimate of \$2,500; a Korean 5-won of 1908, although estimated at \$7,000, pulled in a winning bid of \$37,000; and, of course, the record breaking Spanish 100-pesetas of 1870 that left the block for \$190,000 against its estimate of \$75,000.

While a few coins sold below their estimated values, most of the 1,086 lots in the Hammel sale brought in excess of estimate. Information concerning the sale—prices realized, photos and catalogs—are available from Stack's, 123 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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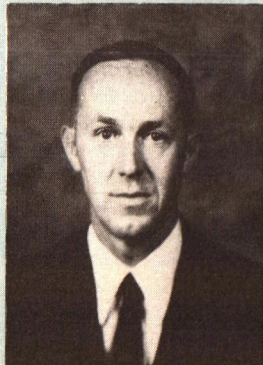
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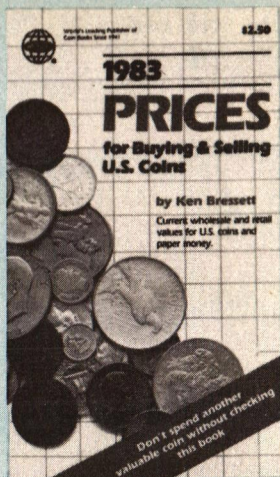
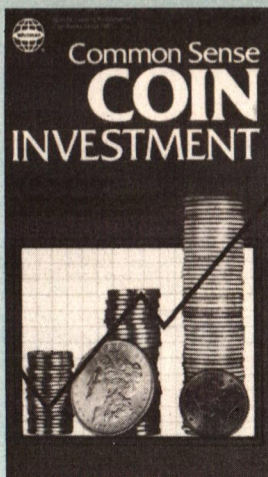
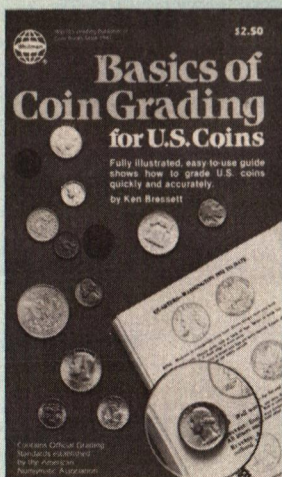
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Specialist Society Formed

Collectors interested in Philippine numismatics now have a chance to associate themselves with other collectors who share similar interests. The Philippine Collectors Society, a nonprofit organization designed to promote interest in Philippine coins, has recently been established and as of mid-September has recruited 47 members. Director Hugh B. Jones states that the PCS is "the



Hugh B. Jones



Reference Trilogy Released

The simultaneous release of a "trilogy" of coin reference books has been announced by the Western Publishing Company of Racine, Wisconsin. The three volumes, which combine the talents of two noted numismatists—Q. David Bowers and Ken Bressett—include *Common Sense Coin Investment* by Bowers and *The Basics of Coin Grading* and *1983 Prices for Buying and Selling U.S. Coins*, both by Bressett.

Bowers' work furnishes hobbyists with the information needed to ensure sound investment decisions and presents performance charts, historical references, illustrations and investment recommendations. Bressett's coin grading reference covers all the basic skills required to accurately grade coins. To help make the identification of wear characteristics understandable, the book employs the official system used by dealers, collectors and the ANA. Definitions of grading terms are included as well as more than 450 photos illustrating degrees of wear. The pricing guide, also by Bressett, lists current retail and wholesale prices for U.S. coins dating 1650 to the present. Prices for commemoratives, gold issues and U.S. paper money from 1928 to date are also included. Incorporated in the pricing information are mintage records, historical perspectives, photos, information about grading and a coin value chart.

Bressett's two books, *The Basics of Coin Grading* and *1983 Prices for Buying and Selling U.S. Coins*, and *Common Sense Coin Investment* by Bowers are each 192 pages in length. Priced at \$2.50 each, an additional \$1 postage and handling charge per volume must accompany each order. Orders will be handled by the Western Publishing Company, Inc., 1220 Mound Ave., Racine, WI 53404.

first organized effort in the United States to identify persons with a serious interest in Philippine numismatics, and to provide a means for their communications."

Members of the Society will receive a PCS membership card and number; PCS Guidelines; the quarterly *PCS Newsletter*, which includes Society news and Philippine coin valuations; and up-to-date membership lists allowing members to stay

in contact with each other. Persons interested in obtaining more information about membership in the Philippine Collectors Society should address their inquiries to Hugh B. Jones, P.O. Box NN, Biloxi, MS 39530.

Roman Coin Reference Reprinted

Enough coins were minted during the reign of Emperor Nero to fill the nearly 200 pages of the 1920 reference on the

subject, *The Coinage of Nero*. Written by Edward A. Sydenham, the book has been out-of-print since its initial publication. Collectors of ancient coinage should be pleased to know the volume has been recently reprinted by the New York-based publisher Sanford J. Durst.

Written using the style of the British Museum Collection books on Greek and Roman coins, the first section of the reprint includes a general survey of

the coinage of Nero, chronological arrangement of types, Nero's reform of the coinage, the titular dates of Nero, the obverse legends, the mint of Lugdunum, the Globe and Aegis, and the art displayed on the coins. Following this informational section is a three-part catalog of the coinage: Part I - Coins of Nero with Claudius, Britannicus, Agrippina, Octavia, Poppae, Claudia and Messalina; Part II - Imperial and Senatorial Coins; and Part III - Imperial Greek and Colonial Coins. Completing Sydenham's work is an index and numerous photo plates.

The Coinage of Nero retails for \$30 and may be ordered from Sanford J. Durst, 170 E. 61st St., New York, NY 10021.

Saint-Gaudens Reference Available at Prepublication Price

From now until January 1, 1983, ANA members have the pleasant opportunity to purchase, at prepublication price, copies of John H. Dryfhout's catalogue *raisonne*, the *Work of Augustus Saint-Gaudens*. One of America's most famous and beloved sculptors, Saint-Gaudens is famous not only for his works of Diana, the Standing Lincoln and Sherman, but also for his designs for the Eagle and Double Eagle gold coins, considered by many numismatists to be the most beautiful coins struck in the United States.

The 368-page fine-art book includes 514 duotone illustrations of the artist's works, including the Shaw



Memorial in Boston and the Adams Memorial in Washington. A handsome addition to any numismatic or fine arts literature collection, *The Work of Augustus Saint-Gaudens* is available from the University Press of New England, Box 979, Hanover, NH 03755 for \$49.95 plus \$2 for postage and handling. After January 1, 1983, the cost of the volume will be \$60.

Prices Reduced for Silver Sets

Director of the U.S. Mint Donna Pope announced a reduction in the purchase price of the 40 percent silver bicentennial Proof and Uncirculated coin sets. The Proof set has been reduced from \$15 to \$12, with a limit of 100 sets per person, and the Uncirculated set has been reduced from \$12 to \$9, with no purchase limit. Each set contains a 1776-1976 dated dollar, half dollar and quarter dollar with reverse designs emblematic of the American Revolution. The total silver content in each set is .5381 troy ounces.

Those interested in purchasing sets by mail should direct their correspondence to the Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint St., San Francisco, CA 94175. The sets may also be purchased over the counter at the U.S. Mints in Philadelphia and Denver, the San Francisco Old Mint and the Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C.

Inventory Booklet Released

Ernest R. Jones has released the third edition of his book *Simplified Inventory System for Investors, Collectors and*

Dealers, a guide designed to aid coin enthusiasts in their numismatic record-keeping. This revised volume offers a reference guide form, a master list of tax deductions available to collectors with an expenditure record to substantiate the deductions, and separate sections with space for listing more than 500 transactions in 20 categories. Also included in the book is a master index with an area for a year-end summary.

Simplified Inventory System for Investors, Collectors and Dealers can be ordered for \$5 plus \$1.75 postage from Ernest R. Jones, 2104 Apache Pl. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87112.

Krugerrand Sales on the Rise

International Gold Corporation, the marketing arm of the South African gold mining industry, recently reported record high volumes of krugerrand sales throughout the United States. Michael F. Vigil, marketing manager of IGC commented, "Over the past few months, the 'veteran' gold investor has continued to add to his portfolio when he recognized opportune buying conditions. Now, with the recent rise in price, the investment buying market has broadened considerably to include those investors who are purchasing krugerrands for the first time. This is because American consumers have recognized the start of a new bull market in gold."

In agreement with the findings of the IGC are Luis Vigdor, vice president of the New York-based firm Manfra, Tordella and Brookes; Paul Sarnoff, vice president of the brokerage firm Paine Webber; Jonathan Kern of the New

Orleans-based Krugerrand Corporation; and Richard Martin, owner of the San Diego Coin Exchange. All of these men have indicated that their businesses have experienced an increase in action in the krugerrand market over the past few months.

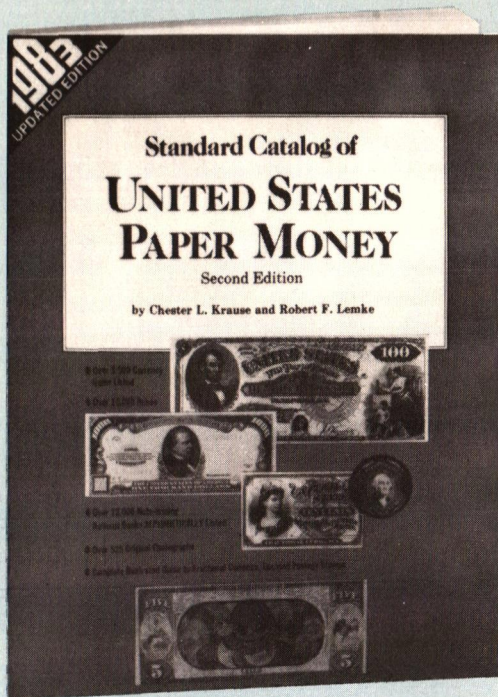
Token Reference Reprinted

The classic study, *The Coins and Tokens of Nova Scotia*, written and published by Dr. Eugene Courteau in 1910, and which has been long out of print, is now available in a limited reprinted edition from Sanford J. Durst, New-York based numismatic book publisher.

The 140-page illustrated book describes more than 150 varieties of the series of Nova Scotia tokens. In addition, each item is classified by a rarity guide. *The Coins and Tokens of Nova Scotia* retails for US\$10 and may be ordered directly from Sanford J. Durst, 170 E. 61st St., New York, NY 10021.

Testimony Favors American Eagle

Numismatic News' Washington Bureau Chief Burnett Anderson has reported on the progress of Representative Ron Paul's legislation (H.R. 6054, the American Eagle Gold Coin Act of 1982) allowing for the production of a U.S. gold coin to be used as money rather than a collector's item. In Anderson's article (NN, 10/9/82, p. 1), it is reported that witnesses who testified on September 28 before the House Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage voiced unanimous support for the striking of such coins. The testimony with perhaps the most



Paper Money Catalog Issued

Krause Publications of Iola, Wisconsin, has issued the second edition of the *Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money* by Chester L. Krause and Robert F. Lemke. The updated volume, using the input of dealers and collectors nationwide, fills 240 pages with its more than 3,500 listings and more than 525 photos. The notes span the time frame from the first federally-issued currency of Civil War years to the present \$1 bills.

Each note is valued in up to three grades of preservation; National Bank Notes are valued by type (according to signature combination) and by state of issue. Also included in the catalog is an alphabetical listing by city for each of the more than 13,000 National Banks that issued currency; a presentation of Postage Stamp Envelopes combined with a listing of Encased Postage Stamps and more than 200 major types and varieties of Fractional Currency; and a cross reference using the Krause-Lemke numbering system.

The second edition of the *Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money* has a softbound cover and measures 8½ x 11 inches. It sells for \$14.50 and is available by order from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990.

impact came from Manuel H. Johnson, spokesman for the Reagan administration as acting assistant secretary of the Treasury Department for economic policy, who advocated the production of the gold coin and exempting its sale from all taxes. In explaining his findings that the tax-exempt coin would not present a revenue loss to the government, Johnson and other Treasury witnesses said that few capital gains on gold coins are reported to the IRS, which is poorly equipped to handle this sort of tax evasion anyway. The same people who do not report capital gains are, when a drop in the gold price occurs, claiming deductions for such losses. Johnson concluded, "To be honest, the bill could actually produce some additional tax revenues."

The main concern of those questioning the feasibility of a U.S. gold coin is sales competition from gold coins sold by other countries—Canada's Maple Leaf, South Africa's krugerrand and Mexico's gold issues. Johnson's testimony pointed out that Americans were importing an average of three million gold coins a year, producing an outflow of U.S. dollars—based on a gold price of \$400 an ounce—in excess of \$1 billion. Vice president of the New York firm Manfra, Tordella and Brookes, Luis Vigdor, convinced that the sale of the U.S. gold coin would slow down if not almost halt the exit of U.S. currency for foreign gold coins, said, "We feel qualified to suggest that the American Gold Eagle can and will replace 75 percent of all foreign gold coins now being traded in this country."

American Numismatic Association President Adna Wilde testified to his

"whole-hearted support" of the legislation, with suggestions that instead of calling the coin the American Eagle, it should be named after its predecessor—the double Eagle—and the fractionals by their traditional designations—half and quarter Eagles.

H.R. 6054 calls for the production of the gold coins by weight. Although not legal tender, the coins will be able to circulate wherever they are accepted as payment. Striking of the one-troy-ounce denomination is scheduled to begin in 1984, with the fractional coins of half, quarter, and one-tenth ounce being struck the following year. As written in Paul's legislation, St. Gaudens' 1908 \$20 gold design will adorn the obverse; the reverse will feature the Great Seal of the United States.

The unanimous support of the witnesses at the hearing does not guarantee quick passage of the bill. In addition to the tax question, several other points are being considered and will all undoubtedly be explored before a decision is reached.

December Book Auction Scheduled

Well known numismatic book dealer George Frederick Kolbe will team up with Spink & Son USA to offer 546 lots of important numismatic books at auction on December 12 in New York City.

The sale will be a feature of the 11th annual New York International Convention to be held December 9-12 in the Sheraton Centre Hotel, 7th Avenue at 52nd Street. Lots may be viewed at Spink & Son USA offices at 445 Park Avenue from 10 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. December 9th, 10th and 11th.

Books offered cover practically every phase of numismatics, including various foreign titles, and range in estimated values from \$50 to several thousand. One outstanding lot is the twenty-nine volume *A Catalogue of the Greek Coins in the British Museum*. Another is a fine copy of George Clapp's original work on *The United States Cents of the Years 1798-1799*. Two copies of the popular 1875 *The Early Coins of America* . . . by Sylvester Crosby are offered, one a fine copy in brown Morocco gilt. Possibly undervalued at \$100 is a copy of the rare *United States Counterfeit Detector* . . . by John Beazell, 1867.

Further information about the impending sale can be requested of George Kolbe, 23881 Via Fabricante, Suite 511, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

Publication Lists Numismatic Books

InterCol London, specialists in banknotes, maps, playing cards and other collectibles, has published a paper-back list of more than 700 numismatic books and publications. The list is divided into four sections—Coins and Medals, Money and Economics, Banks and Banking, and Paper Money—and spans all areas of numismatics. The list is designed to aid research and to appeal to those interested in collectible books.

InterCol's Numismatic Book List No. 1 follows the recent publication of its World Paper Money List No. 2, which has already been mailed to subscribers. Both lists are available free of charge from InterCol London, 1A Camden Walk, Islington Green, London N1 8DY, England.

a spendable history of **ALASKA**

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Skins, furs, beads, gold dust and even fish tails were all media of exchange in Alaska before true coins or currency. The first government-authorized money in Alaska was Russian. As early as the mid-18th century, Russian coins were circulating in the Aleutian Islands and, to a lesser degree, on the Alaskan mainland. A very few of these have been unearthed in recent years, but these coins (most of which were copper) are quite rare today.

The Russian-American Company (the trading company that operated from the 1790s until Alaska was sold to the United States in 1867) cited the need for Alaskan currency, and in 1803 the Russian government agreed to a special printing. A total of 50,000 rubles (in 20-, 10-, 5-, 2- and 1-ruble denominations) were issued. The currency, designed to withstand rough handling by trappers, was printed on sealskin.

As the Russian currency wore out, it was replaced to maintain the supply of

circulating currency for the trappers. But there was a need for fractional currency, so 50-, 25- and 10-kopek bills were included in the total of 42,000 rubles in replacement currency printed by 1826. Another 60,000 rubles were added to the total later, but with a slight change. Beginning in 1834, the reissues were printed on heavy parchment rather than sealskin. The bills were still universally referred to as *kozhaneye*, or skins.

When the Russian-American Company was disbanded with the sale of Alaska to the United States, the skins were recalled and exchanged for Russian currency. This accounts for the extreme rarity of the pastel-colored skins. Of the thousands issued, only about twenty are known to exist today. About a dozen are said to be in the Soviet Union, with the remainder scattered throughout museums in the rest of the world, including the Chase National Bank Museum and the Smithsonian Institution. Other Alaskan currency has included bank notes and a few obscure private issues.

When Alaska became a territory, barter was still the prime form of exchange. But during the ensuing several years a new form of money began to appear—metal trade tokens, or bingles. By 1880 Alaska boasted more than 30,000 residents—a good many of them trappers and miners who had little need for currency. They traded furs, skins or gold dust for what they needed. A growing need for small change was emerging; private companies saw trade tokens as a means of solving this problem and receiving free advertising at the same time.

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Одинъ рубль.

Russian ruble printed on sealskin. Actual size, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ inches.



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FINE ARTS CENTER

Alaska's population soared at the turn of the century due to the Klondike gold rush and subsequent discoveries of the precious metal at Nome and Fairbanks. The official censuses of 1900 and 1910 listed more than 60,000 people in the Alaska Territory; untold thousands came and left in between. More and more bingles began to appear. Because most merchants accepted another's tokens rather than turn away a customer, the wide variety of tokens became accepted as legal tender in the territory.

Unlike typical coinage, the vast majority of Alaska's bingles were undated. Throughout history, most coins have had some type of date designation. Even 2,000-year-old Roman coins can be dated fairly easily, since most carried a portrait and the name of the ruler. U.S. coins from the late 1700s to the present have been dated; so were many of the trade tokens issued in the South and East during the Civil War. But most Alaskan tokens, even the federally issued ones, did not carry a date.

These government tokens were first coined in 1934 for the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (ARRC). ARRC was an attempt by the U.S. government in the early 1930s to kill the proverbial two birds with one stone. The Depression hit Midwest farmers

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A complete set of Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation "bingles."

very hard, so volunteers were moved to Alaska's Matanuska Valley in hopes of helping the economy of the Lower 48 and at the same time colonizing Alaska. The population of the territory had declined to 59,278 by 1930—a net drop of several thousand people in thirty years; the U.S. population, on the other hand, had grown from 76 million to 123 million during the same period. ARCC tokens were given to the colonists as payment for their work in the form of monthly stipends. They corresponded in size to standard 1-cent to 50-cent coins and \$1, \$5, and \$10 gold pieces. The \$5 and \$10 tokens were brass, the others were aluminum.

A total of 25,000 tokens were minted, but only 5,000 were ever issued. When local stores and saloons began accepting them and luring the colonists' trade away from the ARRC store in Palmer, the government switched to standard U.S. coins and currency. The tokens were recalled and melted; they were no longer legal tender after 1938. Few farmers could afford or wanted to keep them as reminders of the hard



Underground mining entailed the use of steam "points" to thaw the ground so miners could shovel out the gold-dust-bearing gravel.

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Today, a set of Alaska Rural
Rehabilitation Corporation bingles is worth
several hundred dollars to collectors.



times they had experienced. More than half of the transplanted Midwesterners went home and the government gave up the project as an administrative failure. But those who remained formed the nucleus of Alaska's greenbelt farming community. By 1944, just ten years after the first families went North, the Matanuska Valley farming business had become a multimillion-dollar industry. And today, a set of ARRC bingles with a face value of \$16.71 is worth several hundred dollars to collectors.

Down through the years, the sealskin notes and ARRC bingles have become the most famous of Alaskan coins and currency, but only because more is known about them than about others. In fact, thousands of different tokens have been issued in Alaska, the vast majority by private firms—both large and small. The Northern Commercial



By the early 1900s in Alaska, huge dredges such as this one turned gold mining into a true twentieth century industry.

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Mining was more than elbow-to-elbow pick and shovel work in the Klondike during the rush of 1898. This photograph demonstrates the complexity of the efforts . . . 100-man crews on a claim that eventually yielded a million dollars in gold by the end of the rush . . . at \$15 per ounce.

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Company, for example, distributed several different types of tokens for use at its trading posts and navigation operations. A Northern Commercial competitor for several years, the Northern American Trading and Transportation Company (founded by John Healy) also issued tokens for its customers' use in NAT&T stores and aboard the company's steamers. NAT&T began selling its assets in 1906, and eventually turned over the last of its stores to Northern Commercial in 1912. Other businesses, large and small, mercantile or saloon, have also issued such tokens.

While Alaska's tokens represent an important part of the territory's history, they certainly did not cease to exist with statehood. Companies, cities and various groups still issue them. One of the

most widely circulated of all Alaskan tokens was the one issued in 1959 to commemorate statehood. The Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce distributed the dollar token and it was redeemable throughout the state during the entire statehood year of 1959.

From the days when Alaska was a Russian territory to the Klondike gold rush and from the Depression to statehood, Alaska's money has provided a unique, spendable history of the Far North.

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by TERRY A. CAMPBELL, ANA 88717

INCLUDING THOSE OF BOTH COFFEE and tea plantations, the estate tokens of Ceylon (present-day Sri Lanka) were minted from the 1820s through the 1870s. These tokens were the solution to a multi-faceted problem that history defines as a labor and economic realignment. The force behind a Ceylonese coinage system made up of privately-issued tokens was history itself; problems brought to Ceylon by the attitudes and practices of Europeans who, throughout the island's history, controlled its destiny. Although these Europeans eventually

brought Ceylon to its modern economy, the way in which that economy evolved was one of colonization, exploitation and coffee.

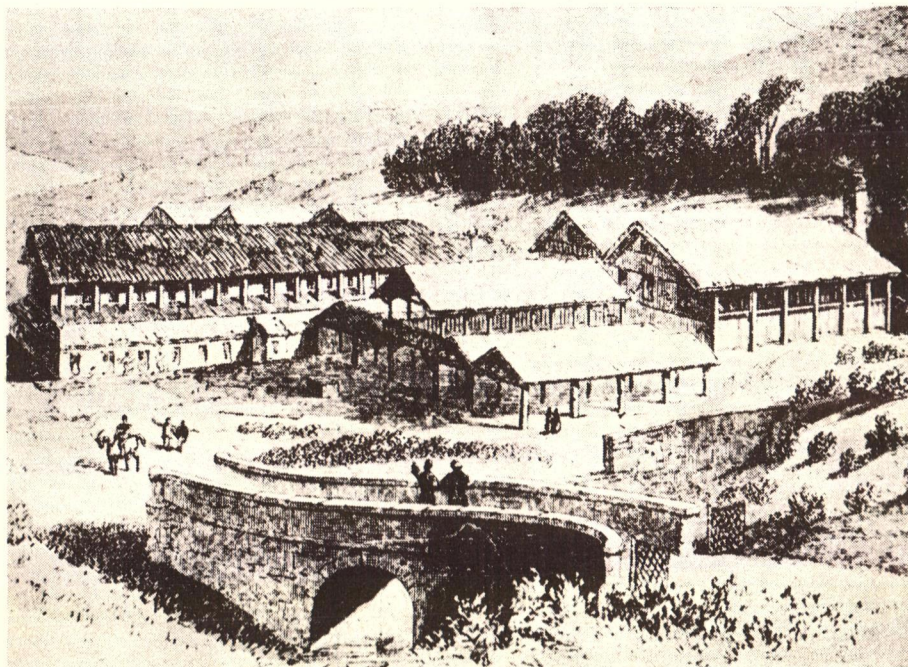
Modern Ceylon has a plantation economy, a system successfully introduced by the Dutch for the cultivation of cinnamon and unsuccessfully for the production of coffee. The idea of coffee as a staple crop was abandoned by the Dutch shortly after its attempted production began in 1716. Ironically, more than 100 years later the English found coffee plants growing among the

weeds. Sir Robert Brownrigg, governor from 1812 until 1820, sent samples of the coffee to England. These samples were very well received by the British, and eventually led to the foundation of the coffee economy. The coffee plantation system, however, was not to come to form until after the English had gained total control of Ceylon in the early 19th century.

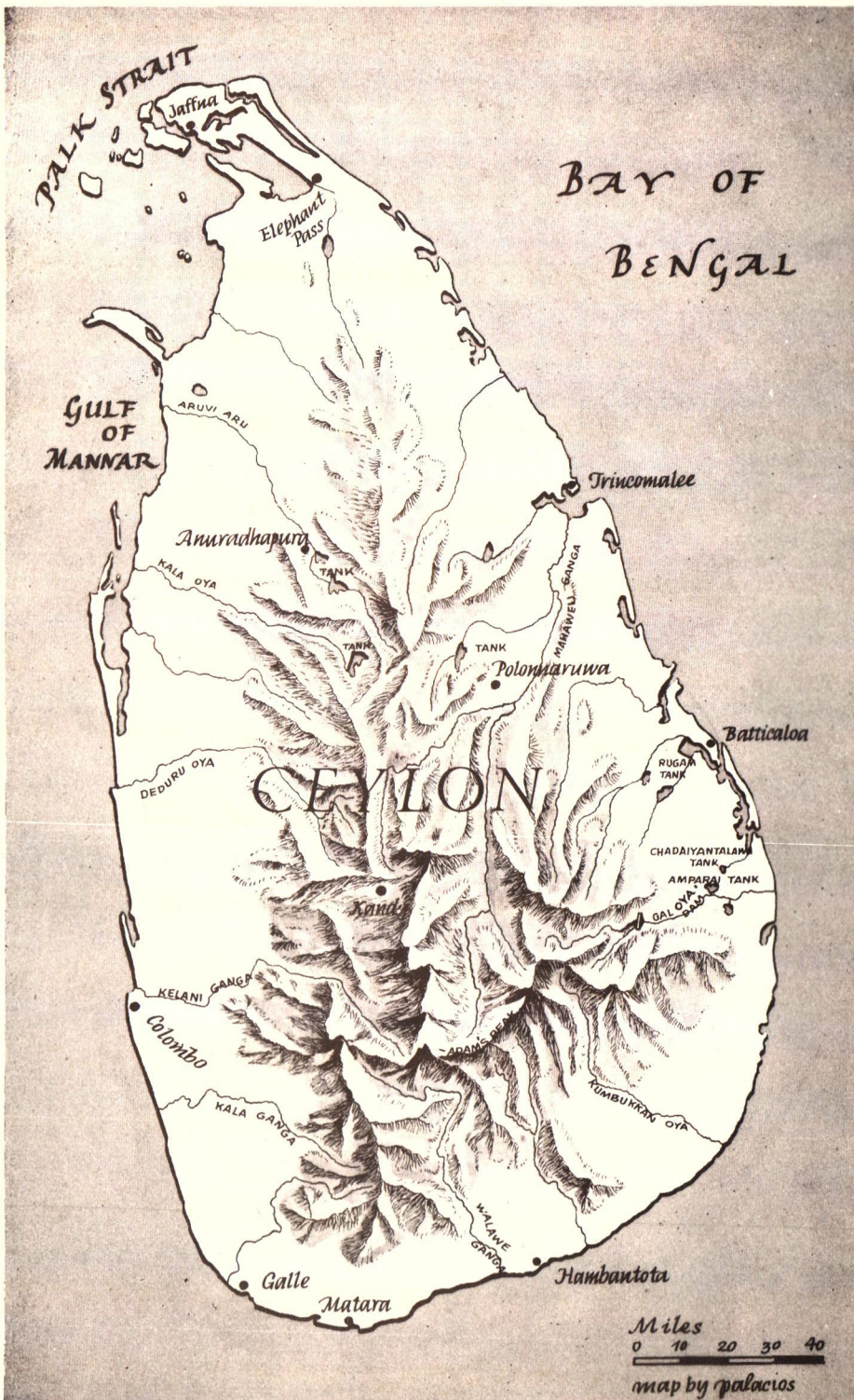
The Dutch, as with the Portuguese before them, controlled only the island's maritime regions; the island's interior was controlled by the natives living there—the Kandyans—who by using guerilla tactics had kept both the Portuguese and the Dutch from advancing inward. In the late 18th century, the Kandyans were in disagreement with the Dutch over the latter's restrictions upon Kandyan access to the coastline for trade purposes. England, fearing the lack of Dutch resistance to the impending French takeover of several Dutch possessions (including Ceylon)—thus threatening English possessions in southern India—eyed the Dutch-Kandyan animosity as an ideal

circumstance to remove from the island the Dutch as well as any opportunity of French encroachment upon English territories.

Because of their fear of the French, the Dutch themselves paved the way for British control of Ceylon. The governing party in the Netherlands was losing favor with its own people, and the province of Holland slowly fell to French subservience. In 1795 the Dutch *stadholder* escaped the events by seeking asylum in England where English officials extracted from him a document persuading Dutch officials in Ceylon to concede all lands to the English until the French threat was over.¹ As Captain-General and Admiral of Holland, the *stadholder's* document carried a great deal of weight, but the Dutch did not immediately conform to the command. Foreseeing the Dutch reaction, the English—having no intent to return the island—included with the document a letter making it clear that if necessary, they would not hesitate to use force in gaining the island. After an insignificant show of resistance, Ceylon was taken by the English who,



A coffee estate at Pussellava, Ceylon.



because of the confrontation, treated the island as a conquered territory. To negotiate the finalities, primarily between the English and the Kandyan king, the English East India Company sent one of its senior officials, Robert Andrews, as a representative. Andrews drew up and signed a draft treaty with the Kandyans that was more conducive to their trade needs than that which was signed during Dutch rule of the coastline. The treaty was not binding, however, as the Kandyans did not ratify it.

Within months after the conquest, Robert Andrews, showing the intent of permanent English rule in Ceylon and with disregard to the wishes of the Madras government in the English colony of India, initiated economic and social reforms that paralleled English concepts of morality and justice.² The reform that was to have the greatest effect on the coffee economy was the emancipation of slavery—*rajakariya*—a system of duty or service to the Kandyan king.³ During both Portuguese and Dutch rules, the governors of the respective countries and the native headmen (the liaison between the government and the people) used *rajakariya* to benefit themselves, which in English eyes was nothing more than slavery. The abolishment of *rajakariya* and the institution of reform measures resulted in a total disruption of the labor force and the traditions of the island. Having no other avenue of recourse, the Ceylonese people rebelled.

Guerilla tactics used effectively by the Kandyans against the Portuguese and Dutch prolonged the rebellion, which lasted from December of 1796 until the first quarter of 1798 when

the Madras government repealed Andrews' reforms. It was also at this time that the first governor of Ceylon, Frederick North, assumed his position. Upon coming into office, North acted upon the wishes of the Madras government by reimposing *rajakariya* and reverting to the previous conditions on the island. Reinstating the traditional slave and tax systems revealed to the English their mistake in destroying systems unknown to



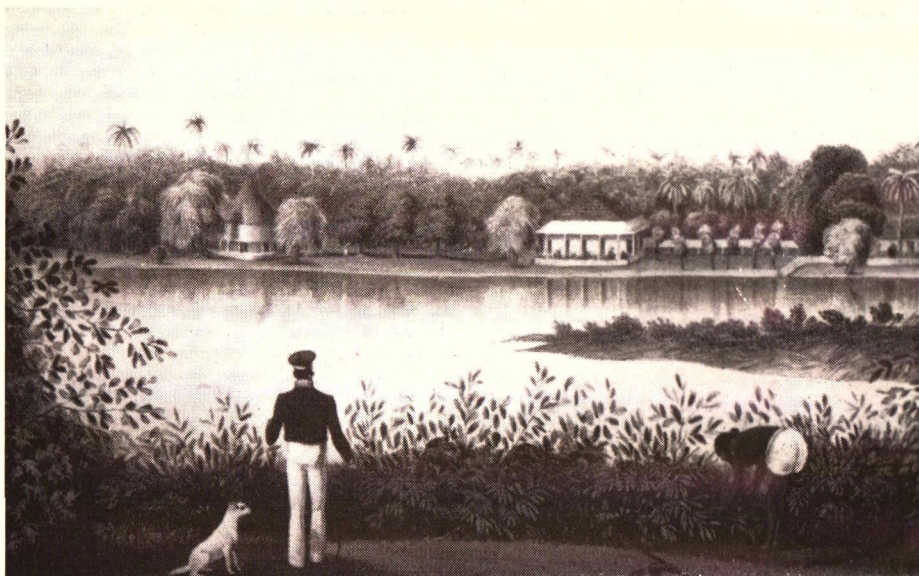
This very well struck token was perhaps one of the earliest to be issued. It represented a full task (a full day's work) and could be redeemed for nine pence. This has been recorded as extant in copper, but most known specimens are made from brass.

them and then trying to rectify the error. Restoring *rajakariya* presented the problem of telling a freedman he was once again a slave, the effects of which resulted in severe limitations in the labor force. After two years of freedom, slavery left a bitter taste in most mouths and those affected by the reimposition were reluctant to revert to their previous incapacitations.

WHEN NORTH TOOK OFFICE IN 1798, Ceylon was governed under a system of dual control by which both the Madras government in India (an English East India Company government) and the English government were the principals. Except for use as a protective buffer against the French, the government in England had no tangible reason for holding the island. The English East India Company, however, wanted total control over Ceylon and its profitable cinnamon industry. Although having no causal link to the rebellion, dual control came into effect on behalf of the Madras government's request for solidarity in the East Indies. Two



No information is available about the issuer of this plantation token. This piece is well struck and the size indicates the usual 4½ pence task value.



Mid-nineteenth-century Ceylonese cinnamon garden.

ruling bodies produced an ineffective method of government, and dual control ended on January 1, 1802, when by the Peace of Amiens, Ceylon became a crown colony.⁴

Following the Peace of Amiens, the English East India Company retained its monopoly on trade, acquired during dual control. Cinnamon was still the staple crop of the economy and because the Company had the sole purchasing right, the only Ceylonese cinnamon that reached the market came from the Company. The purchasing contract allowed the Company a fixed quantity of cinnamon, which in the end proved to be effective management because of the demand it produced. The monopoly benefitted the Company more than it did Ceylon and pressure from the Colonial government was mounted to take over the Company's position in the marketplace. When the purchasing contract came up for renewal in 1814, the pressure from within the island's administration was not strong enough to wrestle it away from the Company. In 1822 the contract expired again, and this time the Colonial government succeeded in becoming its own benefactor. Ceylon

became the producer and supplier of the finest grade cinnamon on the European market, but by restricting production and maintaining artificially high prices, unwittingly enlarged the very market they were trying to control.

With a monopoly on production, consistency in all phases of production and sales existed. Nevertheless, as with any saleable commodity, competition soon becomes a factor, as it did with Ceylonese cinnamon. Buyers comparing cinnamon prices began purchasing the cheaper products from Java and India. The competitiveness was further heightened by the fact that because Ceylon was still viewed by London as strategically rather than economically advantageous, no new capital was invested in the island's economy. Because of its strategic importance and so as *not* to model the West Indian plantation system, Europeans were forbidden to own land outside of Colombo, the island's largest city and seaport. The ruling governors during the period in which this law was in effect saw it as detrimental to the English economy as well as the cinnamon trade, which was losing its

large share of the market to cinnamon produced elsewhere. The Colonial Office submitted to the pressures of the governors and rescinded the ruling; after 1812, money found its way into the island's economy.

Investors had little worry about inland plantations; the English Government had slowly taken these lands away from the Kandyan Empire, and by 1818 after the final conflict between the Kandyans and the English, the Empire fell to total English domination. With complete control of Ceylon—something never attained by either the Portuguese or Dutch—England had free reign to shape the country's economy. The Colonial government, insistent upon retaining the cinnamon monopoly, was not a part of this new scheme. Investors



This token was struck in London in approximately 1866 and had a value of nine pence.

were looking for profit, which they found shortly after 1820 with the success of coffee. The new capital, however, did not come from England, but from those Europeans already on the island. The European land ownership law had already been repealed, allowing Europeans to receive land grants of up to 4,000 acres, and Governor Edward Barnes (1824-1831), attempting to promote coffee cultivation, had exempted coffee land from taxes and abolished the coffee export tax. Realizing the profits to be made with coffee, the government opened a 200-acre experimental plantation attached to the Botanical Gardens at Peradeniya.

George Bird, an army officer who had received from the government some of the crown lands of Sinnapitiya and Veyanvatta, opened the first independent coffee plantation in 1824.



The design for this token was drawn in the Ceylon offices of The Colombo Commercial Company. The tokens were struck in London and represented a value of 18¾ cents.

Governor Barnes also opened a plantation system that same year using *rajakariya* as a means of labor. When North reimposed *rajakariya* in 1798, the system became more in line with what it was originally intended to represent, compulsory service, and Barnes exploited it to its fullest extent. During the initial stages of the coffee boom, the government conceived two distinct definitions of *rajakariya*: personal service to the king of his agents by landowners grateful for their granted land; and all landowners—regardless of the land's source—to provide labor services for public works.⁵ Using *rajakariya* for public works, Barnes constructed the roads connecting the littoral with the interior. Now with a transportation network, however inadequate but at least present in contrast to transportation under Dutch rule, the plantation system expanded and interacted.

In the early 1830s, the importance of coffee to the governments of both Ceylon and England came into focus. The decision had to be made between a free enterprise system or a continuance of the Dutch traditions of mercantilist restrictions. The Commission on Eastern Inquiry (Colebrooke-Cameron Commission) was formed to present suggestions on how to improve economic and social conditions; the results were what was expected: religious reforms, educational reforms, free enterprise and the elimination of *rajakariya*. Before the commission was formed, the economy, except for the fledgling coffee industry, was stagnant. Other than cinnamon production, which was on the verge of dying, no other industry capable of

Issued in exchange for one-half bushel, this piece had a redemption value of 2¼ pence.



pulling Ceylon through the hard times was extant. Wage labor slowly took form and people were able to pay taxes in cash rather than in services—signs of the dissolution of *rajakariya* even before the commission recommended it.

WITH THE COMMISSION'S REPORT AS the guideline for reform, the Ceylonese economy experienced an uplift with the emphasis for investment on coffee cultivation. The Colonial Office began selling land for 5-shillings an acre, offering for sale all uncultivated land that could not be proven private. Because of the difficulty in proving ownership, many natives were forcibly evicted from land previously owned by generations of their family members. The result of the land sale, plantation growth and English attitudes, was a small insurrection in 1848, which unlike previous rebellions, was easily put down.

During the period between 1838 and 1843, 130 plantations operated in the Central Province, all within 30 miles of Kandy. The production of coffee took into effect all levels of the caste; coffee was planted on the large European plantations, by the native landowners operating on a smaller scale than their European counterparts, and by the peasants supplementing their income with small coffee gardens. A good example of the rush for land can be seen in this account of R.W. Jenkins, who bought land near Madulsima:

"Became a proprietor of 60 acres. . . what good could ever come of only 60 acres, with no adjoining forest to fall back upon? But never mind: an hour after I had bought it for a few bids over 60 pounds, I was offered 100 pounds for it by some enterprising Moormen: This I refused, for if it was worth that to them it was worth that to me. . . . An adjoining piece of mixed *patana* (grass-land) and *chena* of sixty

acres (which had been previously offered over and over again by Government for sale without finding a purchaser) I bought at upset price, thus making the place 120 acres. The first planted land bore over 12 cwt. an acre *when only three years old*. After the first crop I sold out for 3,000 pounds and was glad to do so."⁶

From 1836 until 1840 the export rate of coffee was a substantial 50,000 bushels annually. After 1840, coffee production took off like a runaway locomotive, with annual export statistics reaching 120,000 bushels until the worldwide depression in the late 1840s. In 1845 the first evidence of falling prices appeared, but due to the strength of the coffee industry, would not have lasted as long as it did had it not been for the depression that swept through England in 1848. Once the depression had run its course, however, coffee resumed its fateful role in Ceylon's economy, with 278,473 bushels exported in 1850 and by 1860, more than 500,000 bushels exported annually.

With the emergence of a coffee boom and subsequent plantation growth, the need for a solid work force increased and England realized the mistake of allowing Andrews to initiate reform measures that could not be totally undone. The reimposition and later abolishment of *rajakariya* limited the amount of work that could be expected from the natives. The freedmen wished to remain free and were not willing to work for the small amount of money paid the workers of a plantation. Pride in their new status as freemen also played an important role in their hesitancy to work on the plantations. The country was no longer a country of Ceylonese people, but of Britishers



Issued prior to 1879, this token was distributed by the Pilo Fernando mills at Slave Island, Colombo.

with Ceylonese hired hands, something which the new freedmen did not find appealing. An account of the freedmen's revulsion at working for hire is mirrored in the account of this unknown planter:

"The [Kandyan] has such a reverence for his patrimonial lands, that were his gain to be quadrupled, he would not abandon their culture. . . . Besides, working for hire is repulsive to their national feelings, and is looked upon as almost slavery. The being obliged to obey orders and to do just what they are commanded is galling to them."

Not willing to wait for the labor force to come to them, the planters, with the blessings of the Colonial government, enlisted the aid of Indian recruitment agents—the *kanganies*. The *kanganies* found little difficulties in persuading the peasants, or coolies, from southern India to make the journey to Ceylon and work on the plantations. The employment was seasonal—mid-August until November—which coincided with the slack season on the rice fields in

southern India. The coolies could make the trip to Ceylon, work, save what little money they could, and then migrate back to India in time for the rice harvesting season. During the period from 1843 until 1859, almost one million men, women and children had made the journey to work on Ceylonese plantations.

INEFFICIENCY IN THE HIRING PROCESS led to an extremely high death toll. The responsibility for the well-being of the coolies fell on the shoulders of the government, the plantation owners and the *kanganies*, yet none of these three accepted the responsibility. One of the contributing factors in the death rate of 250 per thousand was the fact that in order to get to the plantations, the coolies had to travel through malaria infested country. Neither the owners nor the government provided hospitals for the workers; the only hospital available was the Friend in Need Society Hospital in Kandy, which was run on donations. Plantation owners,



Tea pickers in modern Sri Lanka, using a centuries-old technique to gain their livelihood.

however, remained without worry; a willing peasant would always fill the shoes of a dead one, whose body was usually left by the roadside. The government attempted to intercede on behalf of the coolies, but because it also shunned responsibility, these efforts were to no avail.

The economic conditions under which the coolies worked were directly associated with the monetary system. The use of tokens and tallies as payment for plantation workers came into effect because of this fact and several unforeseen problems that arose. Originally, laborers were employed and paid by the month. With the passage of the Labor Law Ordinance of 1841, however, plantation owners were forced to pay



The Jampetty coffee mills of the Fowlie, Richmond & Company issued this token between 1866 and 1875.

workers either by the day or by a set task. The new law guaranteed payment to workers but also guaranteed the workers to the planters, who could now enforce the monthly contracted labor.⁸ The standard wage for a coffee bean picker was 4½ pence a day, which was also equated to a set task of half a bushel a day. Although the system was now simplified, lack of communication presented more problems than had been anticipated.

The largest communication gap lay in the language disparity between the plantation owners and the illiterate migrant workers. Other communication problems were heightened by the fact that most of the large plantations were located in the fertile highlands where no banks and



This token was used in the Upland Mills at Mutwal, Colombo. It was in the Gardens at Mutwal that a 200-year-old tortoise lived.

no organized monetary distribution existed. Even if an adequate system did exist, there was no sterling denomination that equalled the local wage rate. Of the existing denominations, any number of combinations of coins could be used to equal 4½ pence or its multiples; but with the lack of banks, all coins were scarce. These problems, along with the lack of a records-keeping clerical staff, necessitated the private-issuance of tokens as payment of labor.

Plantation owners began making payment in tokens, each of which was redeemable in hard currency at the end of the work week. These tokens took on many forms—the most common being brass—but were also made of paper, leather and other metals such as copper, tin, zinc, pewter and lead. At first, most of the tokens were produced in local engineering shops; shops that catered to the needs of many estates. The shop owners would cut discs from thin sheet metal and then punch the initials of the owner, manager, or the estate name on them. In some instances, the names were followed by an indication of value, such as 1, ½, BUS (bushel), ½b (½ bushel), and sometimes in figures representing currency denominations. Although some were struck with locally manufactured dies, these tokens remain a rarity and were usually made from softer metals such as tin or lead. Another group of tokens that were made from dies were struck in mints in Europe and India. Because locally manufactured tokens were easily counterfeited, many of the larger estates began sending out for the



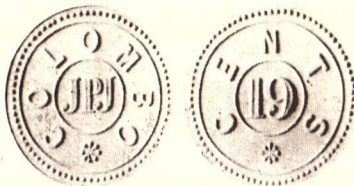
Harvesters line up to collect their pay.

manufacture of their tokens. Those plantations not wishing to bear the expense of importing mint-struck tokens had their locally struck tokens imprinted with serial numbers. But on the whole, the larger estates looked outside of the island for the production of their tokens.

The decimal currency system was introduced in 1869, the same year that signaled the fall of the coffee economy. Coins expressed in cents or divisions came into circulation in 1872 and at that time, the use of tokens and tallies decreased. By 1890 the majority of Ceylonese coffee estates were using legal coinage, marking the end of the issuance of privately struck tokens.

Coffee continued on its upward boom throughout the 1860s and it wasn't until 1869 that the end was foreseen. During that year, a leaf disease was first observed—orange

colored spots on the coffee leaves. The spots were discovered to be a fungal growth known as *Hemileia vastatrix*. The Royal Botanical Gardens was notified and the director issued a strongly worded warning, but because of the sporadic nature of the disease, the planters ignored the warning and took no precautions. By the end of the



Struck in England in 1876 for Mr. James Perera Jayatilleka who had a store on Dam Street, Colombo, this piece was valued at the usual rate for picking a full bag (56 pounds) of clean coffee.

1870s, the disease had a firm hold on the root of the Ceylonese economy. By the 1880s the coffee industry gradually collapsed, with the annual export rate dropping to 100,000 bushels by 1889.

TO COMBAT A DYING INDUSTRY chinchona production was first tried, but its world price fell. Tea, already successfully developed in India, was tried in Ceylon. By 1881, 13,500 acres of Ceylon plantation land was under tea; by 1889, the acreage had increased to more than 200,000 acres. Because of the complicated procedures involved in the production of tea, scientific processes were undertaken from the start. Tea production requires shade, a sizable factory and expensive machinery. Much of the machinery had to be imported from England, meaning more capital investments. The coffee planters were nearly all ruined during the crash and were unable to raise enough money necessary to run a tea estate. The larger plantation owners, however, switched to tea production rather easily. The consequence of the move to tea was that nearly all of the owners of tea plantations were European, mainly British.

The Ceylon of today has an economic base comprised of the cultivation of tea, rubber and coconuts. Agriculture has also been the spark



Tokens of this design were issued in 1872 and made in England in black and white vulcanite. The value was 25 cents, the then reduced value for picking one hundredweight or one full bag of coffee.

behind other business ventures on the island, including construction and a major transportation system capable of moving inland products to the coastline for exportation. Money from the coffee industry, although primarily profitable for the plantation owners, provided the base for the growth of the economy and Ceylon's modern institutions. Ceylon's rich history is not due only to the struggles seen in the evolution of most nations, but also in part to the monetary system of the country throughout its agricultural development. The fact that ingenuity and exnumia created an economic base for the plantation economy of this interesting country is yet another example of the role numismatics has played in the progress of development throughout the world.

NOTES

1. K.M. De Silva, *A History of Sri Lanka*, (London: C. Hurst and Co., 1981), p. 184.
2. De Silva, pp. 212-213.
3. In the Glossary of De Silva's book (p. 576), the definition of *rajakariya* is listed as, "King's Duty; encompassed any service to the king, a lord or temple in the Kandyan Kingdom. In British times denoted compulsory service to the state as well as to a lord or temple."
4. De Silva, p. 219.
5. Compulsory service under British rule. (See definition under Footnote 3).
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England, Great Britain, the United Kingdom—the images conjured up from past readings and history lectures were careening through my mind. Our 747 was preparing to land at London's Heathrow Airport; we had left Boston six hours earlier that evening. On the approach to Heathrow, we were treated to an aerial view of the Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. This was the first leg of the American Numismatic Association's post convention tour—organized by the Royal Mint through Tanner's International and the ANA—providing 28 enthusiastic numismatists with the opportunity to tour England, Scotland and Wales for 15 days, with a variety of numismatic highlights sprinkled along the way.

Once the plane had landed, we disembarked and opened the terminal doors to find a mass of



The Tower Bridge, London.

As we traveled on the bus, my first impression of the countryside was "green"—an impression created not so much by trees, but by grass, bushes, hedges and vegetable gardens. The day was a dull grey, but the many planted flowers provided colorful blurs as we drove by. For lunch we stopped at Bowood, the country estate where in 1774 Joseph Priestly identified the principles of oxygen. By late afternoon, we were at our hotel in Cardiff, tired, but eager for the next day's adventure: a tour of the Royal Mint.

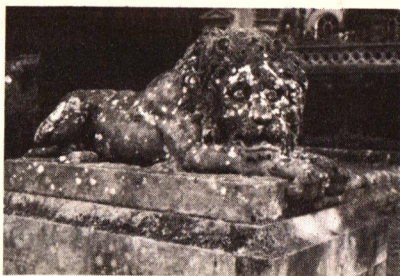
A numismatic tour of Great Britain

by NANCY W. GREEN, ANA Librarian

humanity dressed in every conceivable form of costume and all lined up awaiting to pass by customs agents. I felt a surge of relief from our group when a young woman identified herself as Jackie Butcher, a Mint employee and our guide for the first part of the tour. She led us to our awaiting bus where Andy Henderson, the driver, loaded our luggage and started us off for Cardiff, Wales, and the Royal Mint at nearby Llantrisant.



Our coach driver Andy Henderson (left) loads the tour bus under the watchful eyes of Sherl Erdman of Coin World and Ron Green.



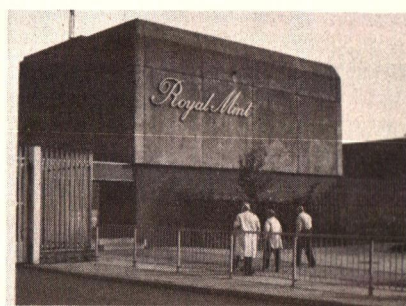
Covered with lichen and weathered from decades of outdoor duty, this noble lion guards the entrance to Bowood Garden, at one time the country home of the Marquis of Landsdowne.

In the morning we were met at the Mint by its Commercial Director, Roy Gravenor. After turning in our pocket change, we were led to a reception room where a film on the development of the Mint was shown. After the film, we divided into smaller groups, each with a guide, and began the tour through the facility. As we walked into the first building, we were startled to see quite a few coins lying on the floor. Our guide seemed to have no objections, so we indulged ourselves in picking them up and comparing finds until he explained that the Mint relied on peripheral security, informing us that when we left the facility we would be carefully inspected with metal detectors. Sheepishly, we emptied the contents of our pockets.

For the most part, the minting process was familiar to us all. One difference we noted, however, was that the British don't use clad coins. While in the molten state, the coinage metals are mixed to the proper alloy so that when they cool, the alloy is uniform throughout. After the metal strips are passed through the rollers to attain the exact thickness, the blanks are punched out and stamped with the proper dies. The

British Mint strikes coins for many different countries and one can imagine the problems of making sure the correct size, weight and alloy planchets are struck with the right dies. Once the coins are struck, they are weighed, placed in sewn canvas bags and packed in small wooden boxes for shipment.

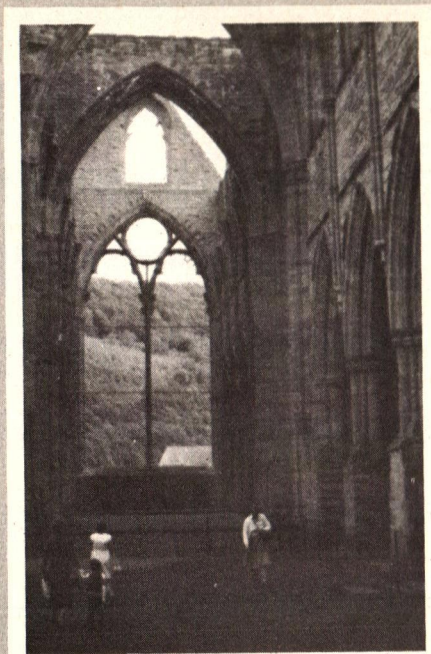
From the manufacturing plant, we moved to the area where the dies are made and where proof coins are struck. Countries that have coins struck at the British Mint submit designs for their coins, but many times the Mint officials must modify these designs to make them more suitable for coin production. After seeing the engraver at work, we were able to watch the steel dies being struck. In another room we viewed the painstaking process of polishing proof dies using graduated grades of diamond paste and balsa sticks.



The Royal Mint.

(Proofs are struck two or three times with a hand-fed press at the Royal Mint.)

Following a lovely lunch, our tour took us to the building where military and commemorative medals are struck. This area is labor intense as almost all the manufacturing is done by hand. An interesting point brought to our attention was that the Mint will



Gehrig Pittman strolls through the ruins of Tintern Abbey, destroyed in rage by Henry VIII when the church refused to grant him a divorce and permission to remarry.

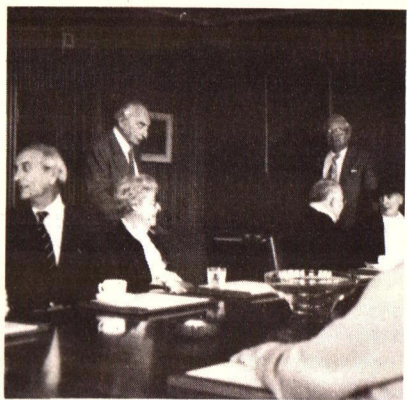
occasionally restrike past military medals if, for example, a recipient has lost his and wants a replacement. The ribbons for the medals are brought in from outside sources, but once received, are sewn on each medal by hand. When our curiosities concerning medal production were satisfied, we then went to the business offices where numismatic orders are filled and made a final stop at the Mint shop. The Mint's own collection was not on display, but we had one last treat: curator Graham Dyer had made up a special display for us. In it was an 1839 Una and Lion five-pound coin, a 1933 British penny, an 1859 U.S. Proof set and a 1937 pattern set of Edward VIII. The long and interesting day came to an end with a goodbye and a ride back to Cardiff.

The Welsh Folk Museum, an area that preserves the culture and architecture of the Welsh people, was the first stop of the next morning. Afterwards, it was back to Cardiff for a look at the coin collection housed in the Welsh National Museum. In addition to those on display, we were allowed to examine a special tray of coins—especially prepared for us by the curator—struck in Wales at the Aberystwith Mint during the reign of Charles I. This was our last stop in Cardiff, for our tour was now headed for Stratford-on-Avon, with a brief stop at Tintern Abbey en route.

In a land where history is so much a part of everyday life, Stratford seems an intense part of the past. Visiting the Shakespeare properties, homes that were either owned by Shakespeare or members of his family, one feels even more a part of the fabric that is history. At the offices of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, we met with Director Levi Fox and also with Paul Vincze, who has recently completed a series of medals depicting a scene from each of



Our memories of the mystique of the British Isles were made complete by a misty morning in Cardiff, Wales.



Enjoying the reception held in our honor by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust are (from left to right) Clyde Hubbard, Mrs. Gladys Paxman, John Pittman, and Mrs. Paul Vincze. Standing are Paul Vincze (left) and Levi Fox, Director of the Trust.

colleges that are each separate institutions. Of particular interest to me as a librarian was the Bodleian Library. One of the greatest research libraries in the world, it has, sadly, suffered the fate of similar libraries. Because of theft and the mutilation of materials, access to the library has been severely limited and one can only look at the door and imagine the treasures contained inside. From Oxford we turned north to Chester and Edinburgh for a more direct insight to British history. Chester is one of only two walled cities left in England. A walk around the wall brought us to a tower with the inscription, "Here King Charles saw his armies defeated in 1645."



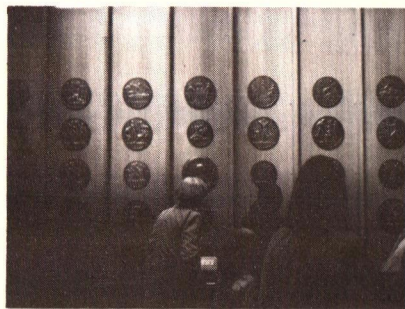
Single file in the streets of Shakespeare's home town, Stratford-on-Avon, are ANA Librarian Nancy Green, Coin World's Courtney Coffing and ANA member Don King.



The birthplace of William Shakespeare at Stratford-on-Avon.

Shakespeare's 36 plays. The day ended with a theatre visit to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, with Derek Jacobi as Benedick.

In the morning we were off to Oxford, home of Oxford University and the Ashmolean Museum. The University is not an organized, unified entity as are universities in the United States, but rather a loose federation of independent



The entrance to Shakespeare's birthplace is a treat for the numismatist—the decor includes galvanos of each of Paul Vincze's 36 Shakespeare medals.



A statue of Sir Thomas Bodley stands guard at the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

Edinburgh is a magnificent city dominated by Edinburgh Castle, home of Scottish kings and the first home of the Scottish Parliament. It also houses the Scottish crown jewels and was the birthplace of James I of England (James VI of Scotland). Down the Royal Mile from the castle is Holyrood Palace, the official



Scotland's Royal Mile, connecting Edinburgh Castle with Holyrood Palace.

residence of the present queen when she is in Scotland. A drive into the Trossachs revealed to us the beauty of a bracken and heather-covered countryside.

Our first stop after leaving Scotland and the Scots with their delightful brogue was the English city of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to visit Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bell.



St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, the parish of John Knox, the founder of Presbyterianism.

This lovely couple had just returned from a holiday but they opened their home to us and served everyone tea and cakes. Dr. Bell had his extensive coin and token collection on display as well as some of his other collections. One of his many interests is board games; several display cases contained his cribbage board collection. After an enjoyable visit with the Bells, we climbed on board the bus and headed down the motorway toward Birmingham.



British token expert Dr. Bell with Mrs. Bell and ANA President Adna G. Wilde, Jr.



The new Coventry Cathedral built from the ashes of the original cathedral destroyed during World War II.

On the way, Andy, our driver, agreed to a short unscheduled stop at Coventry Cathedral. During World War II most of the city's center, including the 14th century cathedral, was destroyed. After the war, donations came from around the world for a new cathedral and an awesome modern structure was built next to the roofless wall of the original church. An interesting note is that the British had deciphered the German code system and knew of the impending attack on Coventry, but Churchill and others agreed that if Coventry was evacuated, the Germans would know their code had been broken; the city was sacrificed to the overall war effort.

Thursday morning we were in Birmingham to tour the Birmingham Mint, a private mint founded in 1850 by Ralph Heaton. This mint also produces coins for foreign countries and a few items for the Royal Mint as well as commercial commemorative medals and jewelry items. Its operation is similar to the Royal Mint in that it also mixes the molten metal to the proper alloy before casting the strips for planchets; no "sandwich" blanks are made. Speaking of sandwiches, mint officials provided a delicious lunch and then it was on to the Birmingham Museum for a brief stop before driving on to London.



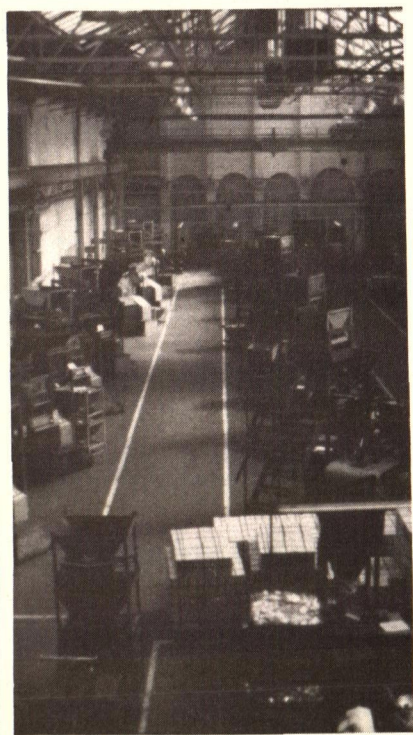
The Birmingham Mint.

Our hotel in London—on the bank of the Thames River—was directly across the street from the Tower of London. The river was a constantly changing scene of barges and other nautical craft moving up and down the waterway. The first event in London was lunch with Royal Mint officials and members of the Royal Numismatic Society. One interesting point made during the luncheon was that because there are many more collectors in America than in Britain, there is more activity and interest in the hobby in the United States.

After lunch, the next stop was the British Museum. Before entering the museum, all purses and packages were searched, a reminder of the recent sad events in the British Isles. Once inside, one could not help but notice the



The imposing Tower of London, the site of many political imprisonments and not just a few beheadings.

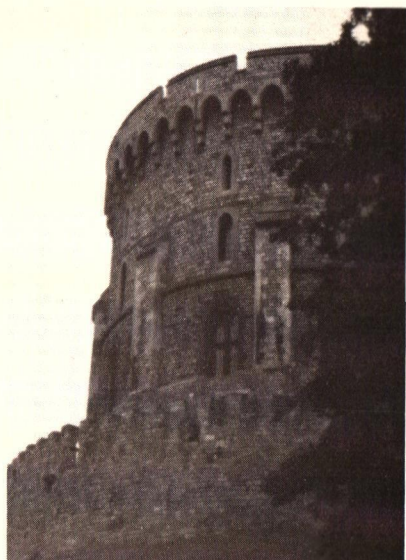


The stamping room at the Birmingham Mint.

large information desk with signs pointing to the major collections. The sign pointing to the left read, "Coins," the sign pointing to the right read, "Library." I must admit that your Librarian went to the right and spent an enthralling hour looking at two of only three known original Magna Carta documents (the third is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford), a Gutenberg Bible and many first editions and authors' manuscripts of great literary works. A quick trip to the Egyptian gallery to see the Rosetta Stone and a stop by the bookstore rounded out what could have been a month long visit to one of the most tremendous storehouses in the world. Great Britain is truly a nation of superb collectors.

Saturday was for sightseeing and history. Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London, with lunch at Covent Garden. The numismatic highlight of the day was a trip to Paul Vincze's Chelsea studio where he and his wife provided refreshments and everyone had a chance to examine plasters and bronze casts of Mr. Vincze's past works and also some work in progress. The visit to the studio was an enjoyable ending to an enjoyable day.

The following afternoon we were again on the road for a short journey to Windsor Castle, the private residence of the Royal Family when they are not in London. Many other sightseers had the same idea, but the trip through



The central tower of Windsor Castle, the Queen's private London residence.



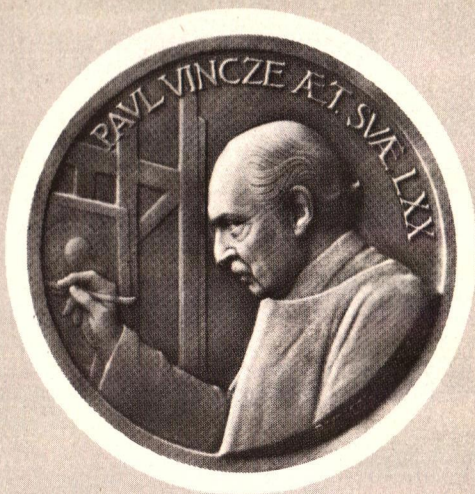
Like everyone who travels to London, we all quickly added to our list of favorite memories the sight and sounds of Big Ben.



Oblivious to all but his duty, a guard rides at attention outside Buckingham Palace.

the castle was interesting and exciting nonetheless, particularly the private art collection which is incredible. The drive back to London took us past the fields of Runnymede, where King John signed the Magna Carta in 1215. Our final day in London was divided between two of the most well-known British coin dealers, Spink's in the morning and Seaby's in the afternoon. To have a chance to see places and meet the people with whom one frequently corresponds was a treat. The book departments—with both new and used books—were of particular interest. The evening of our final night in London was spent dining with members of the Royal Mint staff; a sad occasion because it was time to go home, but we were cheered by our many memories of the past two weeks and by our celebration of Joan Wilde's birthday.

The following morning, after stuffing the last items into overstuffed suitcases, we began our trip home, filled with numismatic stories, and, like true collectors, eager to share souvenirs and tales with our fellow numismatists at home.



A numismatic highlight of the trip was a visit to sculptor Paul Vincze's studio where we were treated to a gallery of his works, from sketches and models to finely finished pieces.



Hunting for treasures at Spinks in London are (from left to right) ANA Librarian Nancy Green, Joel Mather, Autence Bason, Baxter Bason, Sam Siebert and Frank Seacord.



Heathrow Airport, our last view of London and the last stop on our tour of Great Britain.

Olympic Coinage

United States Olympic Commemoratives Now Available to Collectors

United States coinage achieved a milestone on October 12, 1982, when Treasurer of the United States Angela M. Buchanan announced the designs selected for the three United States commemorative coins of the 1984 Olympic Games. This announcement introduced a new era of U.S. coin collecting, as the Olympic coinage program includes the first gold coin to be minted in the United States in fifty years and the first commemorative Olympic coinage ever to be issued in this country.

Public Law 97-220 authorizing the commemorative coinage was signed by President Reagan on July 22, 1982. Specifically, the law authorizes two silver \$1 coins and one gold \$10 coin. The two silver coins will feature different designs; one will bear the date 1983 and the other 1984. The gold coin will bear the date 1984.

Three purchase options for early ordering of the commemorative coins are being offered by the Mint. Option 1 includes one each of the 1983 silver \$1 Proof coin, the 1984 silver \$1 Proof coin and the 1984 gold \$10 Proof coin, shipped in a three-coin display case for \$352. Option 2 includes one each of the 1983 and the 1984 silver \$1 Proof coins shipped in a two-coin display case for \$48. Option 3 includes only the 1983 silver \$1 Proof coin, shipped in a single-coin display case at a cost of \$24.95. These prices will be effective until December 15, 1982.

In announcing the program, Director of the Mint Mrs. Donna Pope stated that after the early ordering deadline of December 15, 1982, "prices may be adjusted to reflect changes in costs, such as that of gold and silver bullion." Mrs. Pope added that "the Mint reserves the right to limit sales of the gold coin to ensure equitable distribution. In addition, should major changes in silver or gold bullion prices occur, the Mint reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of orders." Public Law 97-220 limits mintages to fifty million \$1 coins and two million \$10 coins.

Prices of the commemorative coins include a surcharge stipulated in Public Law 97-220 that states that all sales of the coins shall include a surcharge, established by the Secretary of the Treasury, of not less than \$10 per \$1 coin and not less than \$50 per \$10 coin. The law also stipulates that "fifty percent of the amount of all surcharges received for the sale of each coin shall be promptly paid to the United States Olympic athletes, to support local or community amateur athletic programs and to erect facilities for athletic training." The remaining fifty percent of the amount of all surcharges will be paid to the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee to be used to stage and promote the 1984 Olympic Games.

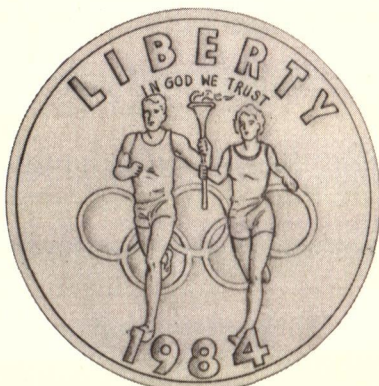
Lawrence Hough, member of the Board of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and treasurer of the U.S. Olympic Committee, spoke on behalf of all Olympic athletes, stating "For the hundreds of U.S. athletes now in training, this program will help provide the much needed financial support to continue their training. The coin program also holds the promise of producing a base of financial support which will provide continuing support to amateur sports in this country well beyond 1984."



Sketch of the 1983 silver \$1 coin was designed by Miss Elizabeth Jones, Chief Sculptor/Engraver of the U.S. Mint. The obverse of the coin will show a representation of a Greek discus thrower, the reverse an eagle's head.



The 1984 \$1 silver coin was designed by American artist Mr. Robert Graham. Mr. Graham was commissioned by the Olympic Organizing Committee to create a major sculpture for the front of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The obverse of the coin features this sculpture and the reverse shows a full eagle.



The 1984 \$10 gold coin, the first U.S. gold coin to be issued in fifty years, was designed by Mr. James Peed, a visual information specialist with the Bureau of the Mint. A student of medallion sculpture, Mr. Peed's design features the Olympic torch runners on the obverse and a traditional eagle design on the reverse.

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¹ Robert Andrew Glindinning Carson, *Coins of the World* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1962), p. 347.

² Allan Sutherland, "Scottish Coins and Emblems," *The Numismatist*, 51 (1938), 193.

Subsequent references to the same works can be made by citing only author and page number:

³ Carson, p. 348.

If more than one work by the same author has been quoted, a brief title and page number are sufficient:

⁴ *Coins of the World*, p. 348.

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NUMISMATIC VIGNETTES

glenn b. smedley

■ At 116 N. Weber Street in Colorado Springs there is a single story brick building that is occupied by a plumbing and heating business. It stands alone and, apparently, the north wall has been exposed for many years. The accompanying picture was taken recently to show an advertisement of the Rousselle Motor Co. on that wall.

Reading the sign creates a bit of nostalgia in senior citizens and probably mild disbelief in some of the junior set. Doesn't it date you to admit to remembering the Auburn, Cord or Duesenberg automobile? And look at the prices — the six, \$1,248; the straight eight, \$1,666 and \$2,095! Furthermore, those prices were for "completely equipped" and delivered prestige cars.



There's one thing I want to know about this sign that some of you readers surely can tell me. When was it painted? Would you say about the time we had a Model T Ford back on the farm in central Illinois? That I do remember vividly.

■ After 33 years — a clarification! On page 2017 of the August issue it was stated that "As far as we knew, this (1949) was the first network showing of coins as numismatic objects." Now long-time friend Vernon L. Brown, who received his Gold Medal for 50-year membership this year, writes about his 1947 guest appearance on station

WNBC showing wooden nickels and other "money."

The half-hour interview program was prompted by a September 6 *Saturday Evening Post* article about the Chase National Bank's money museum, of which Vernon was curator. The TV program hosts were Tex and Jinx McCreary, she being the former Jinx Falkenberg, a top woman tennis player of the time.

Thanks, Vernon, for setting the record straight about our activities of 33 and 35 years ago. Do you feel that this qualifies us to be dubbed "trail blazers?"

■ Perhaps you've been confronted with the problem of placing a dollar value on something out of the ordinary, such as that double eagle that you've never had authenticated because you're very unsure of the report you'd get. Or maybe the shoe was on the other foot and you wondered how someone else could possibly place such a high value on an old mining stock certificate you'd like to buy.

A daily newspaper gave the following real examples. An Aurora, Colorado, dentist sued the owners of a racehorse for \$24.1 million because he claimed it bit off a portion of his right index finger. The horse had broken out of its stall and the dentist was trying to catch it.

On another page of the same edition we were informed that "Former Movie Queen Brigitte Bardot is suing a West German newspaper for allegedly impugning her virtue, charging that Bild am Sonntag described Bardot as a 'sex star of loose morals.' She's seeking \$30,000 in damages."

Well, I suppose we have a right to set our own standards of value, especially when they relate to very personal matters. By the way, the article gave Bardot's age as 47. Apparently no one looked into the racehorse's mouth to determine its age.

NUMISMATIC NOSTALGIA

q. david bowers

What should I collect? Undoubtedly you have asked yourself this question many times. There are many answers. . . Morgan silver dollars certainly are near the top of the "hit parade" of sets to assemble, while more modern issues such as Jefferson nickels, Roosevelt dimes, Franklin and Kennedy half dollars, and even the recent Susan Anthony dollars claim a share of devotees.

When I first began my numismatic interests in 1953, most numismatists collected by date and mintmark varieties. In an era during which prices were lower than they are now and specimens were more generally available, it was not at all unusual for an average collector to have albums full of Liberty Standing quarters, Liberty Walking half dollars, Large Cents, and just about every other series. As strange as it may seem now, back in 1953 collectors were not obsessed with having to own specimens in the finest possible condition. Indeed, the simple description "Uncirculated" served for most cataloging purposes. We did not have Typical Uncirculated, Select Uncirculated, Choice Uncirculated, Gem Uncirculated, and Perfect Uncirculated. If such descriptions had been used in an auction catalog the writer would have been the laughing stock of the entire hobby!

Today, in 1982, there is indeed emphasis on high grades. The values that the market has placed on Uncirculated pieces with just *slight* differences have made it important to divide the Uncirculated category into sections, but not without much heated debate along the way.

Not only uncirculated pieces, but all other coins as well, have experienced tremendous price increases. In many instances coins that were worth \$10 back in 1953 are worth \$100 or even \$1,000 today. More and more people aspire to own coins that become scarcer

each year due to loss, damage, mis-handling and other causes. The inevitable law of supply and demand takes effect, and higher prices are the logical result.

Collecting by design type is one of today's most popular methods. Few can hope to own one of each date in the 1793-1857 Large Cent series, one of each Barber quarter dollar made from 1892 to 1916, each Liberty Seated half dime from 1837 to 1873, or every variety of \$1 gold piece. A happy compromise is the type set. Instead of having to buy dozens and dozens of Barber quarters distinguished from each other by only the presence or absence of a mintmark or by date, the type set collector needs just one, for all are of the same basic design. Likewise, the type set collector does not have to agonize over the availability of an 1855-D gold dollar, or an 1856-D, or an 1860-D, or an 1861-D, or an 1875. All the type coin collector needs is one of each of the three main design types and the common variety will suffice. Thus, to illustrate the so-called Type I issue minted from 1849 through 1854, the collector can select one of the more plentiful issues, perhaps an 1851, 1852, or 1853 Philadelphia Mint coin. The Type II design, made from 1854 to 1856, contains six different varieties, some of them rare, but here again, the type set collector does not have to be concerned with this for he can pick out one of the more available varieties, such as an 1854 or 1855 Philadelphia coin. So it also goes with the Type III gold dollar minted from 1856 through 1889. The rarities can be overlooked, and a common date can be obtained.

The panorama of twentieth century coinage is constantly changing. During the past decade we have had the interesting 1776-1976 bicentennial issues, pieces that won no design awards (al-

though I personally like the reverse of the quarter dollar) but that still contribute to the numismatic spectrum. The ill-fated Susan B. Anthony dollar is another recent entry. Metallic differences provide additional possibilities, with the recent changeover in cent composition being the latest.

Even an ostensibly simple subject like a twentieth century type set can become complex if you want it to. For example, if you want a basic set of cent types to illustrate designs from 1900 to the present, you would include an Indian cent, a Lincoln cent with V.D.B. on the reverse, a Lincoln cent without these initials, a 1943 steel cent, and a post-1958 cent with the Lincoln Memorial reverse. If you wanted to be more technical, the Lincoln cents could be expanded to include the following: 1909 V.D.B. on reverse; type of 1909-1919 without designer's initials; type of 1918-1958 struck in bronze, with designer's initials on shoulder; type of 1943 made of zinc-coated steel; type of 1944-1946 with alloy modified to contain 950 parts copper and 50 parts zinc; type with Memorial reverse, struck in bronze, 1959-1982; and the type from 1982 onward struck in copper-coated zinc.

The possibilities are still not exhausted, for *A Guide Book of United States Coins* notes that:

"Starting in September 1962, the composition of the cent was changed to 95 percent copper and 5 percent zinc. In 1969, the dies were modified to strengthen the design, and Lincoln's head was made slightly smaller. In 1973, dies were further modified and the engraver's initials F.G. made larger. The initials were reduced slightly in 1974."

About ten years ago James F. Ruddy and I gathered together a number of copper, nickel, and silver type sets of twentieth century coins in Choice Uncirculated grade. These were sold to clients at various prices from about \$1,500 to \$2,000. Today, toward the end of 1982, that price alone would have to

be paid for a Choice Uncirculated example of a Barber half dollar. So, it may be well to consider acquiring the more expensive pieces in grades other than Uncirculated or Proof.

Years ago there was not a tremendous price difference between an Extremely Fine coin and a Choice Uncirculated specimen of the same issue. A typical United States coin might sell for \$100 in Extremely Fine grade and \$250 in Choice Uncirculated preservation. Today, an Extremely Fine piece might sell for \$200, but a Choice Uncirculated might bring \$2,000. With such a wide difference the purchase of an Extremely Fine piece seems to me to be quite attractive. Indeed, there are certain series among United States coins—Liberty Seated quarters and Barber quarters and half dollars for example, are tremendous bargains in Extremely Fine grade. The point of all this is that the formation of a type set does not have to be expensive if you do not require Uncirculated or Proof examples; and considering market prices, I see no reason why you should make such a requirement.

Gold coins offer other possibilities for the type collector. While a complete collection of the different design types from 1795 through 1933 would be expensive and would include such rarities as early quarter Eagles, half Eagles and Eagles, most numismatists content themselves with abbreviated collections. Quite popular is a Liberty Head type set containing an example each of the quarter Eagle (design 1840-1907), half Eagle (design 1839-1908), Eagle (design 1838-1907) and double Eagle (design 1850-1907). Such a set is handsome and impressive. Its twentieth century counterpart contains a quarter Eagle (design 1908-1929), half Eagle (design 1908-1929), Eagle (design 1907-1933) and double Eagle (design 1907-1932).

Such gold type sets can be expanded further by including varieties with and without the motto IN GOD WE TRUST and other major differences from about 1840 onward. The three different types

of gold dollars and an example of the 1854-1889 \$3 piece could also be included.

There are still further possibilities to form type sets. A client a few years ago built a set of design type struck at the Carson City Mint, and another acquaintance did the same thing with Denver Mint pieces. And, of course, collecting commemorative coins by design type has always been popular. The standard 48-design type set of commemorative half dollars has recently been aug-

mented by Elizabeth Jones' attractive 1982 Washington commemorative, thus lending additional interest to a series we all thought expired when the last Washington-Carver piece was struck back in 1954.

Type sets: an interesting way to acquire a wide diversity of United States coin designs. Depending upon your condition requirements and the pieces included, such an effort can also be relatively inexpensive. Why not consider it?

THE ROMAN COIN PROJECT

David R. Cervin

Originated and administered by David R. Cervin, the Roman Coin Project is a program specially designed for junior members of the ANA to earn Roman and Byzantine coins for their activities in numismatics. Up to ten coins can be earned—five Roman coins in the initial program, four Byzantine coins in the advanced section, and one Greek coin upon completion of the program.

All newly accepted juniors to the ANA and, for that matter, a goodly number of "older" juniors, find it a pleasant surprise to learn that ANA membership can mean to them, without the expenditure of a single cent, the acquisition of as many as ten ancient coins — five Roman, four Byzantine and one Greek. How are they obtained? By participating in the Roman Coin Project and doing useful things in numismatics.

But what no new junior knows and few "veteran" juniors know is that a by-product of earning these ten ancient coins is the acquiring of a small but useful numismatic library at no cost in dollars and cents. (But it does take "work," if participating in numismatics may by any stretch of the imagination be termed work.) Let us examine this small size numismatic library that all ANA juniors can earn.

With Coin No. 1 — a coin featuring the pagan side of Roman religion—

comes the *Coin Collector's Handbook*, a publication of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers. This pocket-size guide, written especially for beginners, introduces juniors to the fine art of numismatics.

With Coin No. 3 — a coin featuring early Christian symbolism utilizing the Greek (equal legs) cross — comes *An Introduction to Coin Collecting*, published by the Canadian Numismatic Journal. With 31 timely topics this handy booklet goes well beyond what the title appears to cover. In fact, most adults could acquire wholesome information from a careful study of this booklet.

With Coin No. 4 — a coin featuring the word Christ in the form of a modified Chi Rho (first two letters of Christ in Greek, thus, ✠) — comes the *Handbook of Greek and Roman Coins*, written by Barclay V. Head, keeper of coins at the British Museum at the turn of the nineteenth century. Needless to say, this is a very timely booklet for youngsters cutting their eyeteeth in ancient numismatics. (This handbook is the courtesy of Alex G. Malloy).

With Coin No. 8 — an *original* Chi Rho showing the first two letters of Christ (✠), truly a classic coin to acquire — comes, as of now, two delightful additions to anyone's numis-

matic library:

1. A book on numismatics (various titles) donated through the generosity of Charles H. Wolfe. (Mr. Wolfe is also the donator of Best Exhibit by a Junior award at the annual ANA convention.)
2. *The First Twenty-eight Anno Domini Dated European Coins*. This scholarly treatise received the Heath Literary Award in 1973.

These five publications are a useful addition to any numismatic library, and certainly to any starting junior. But one more is now to be added, presented after earning Coin No. 8.

One of the real features of the coins earned by juniors is the large amount of Christian symbolism found on them. The awarding of this type of coin is no accident. I purposely chose them because anyone, and in particular a junior, can better relate to a Roman coin if it has something that he/she can understand. The association of Christianity with Roman coins starting with Constantine the Great (A.D. 307-338) makes coins with Christian symbolism understandable to youngsters.

But how can young people gain a basic understanding of these early Christian symbols? Certainly acquiring books on this information is beyond just about every junior's capability or curiosity. Therefore, I am adding to the list of five publications already being distributed an article that appeared in the August 1981 issue of *The Numismatist*, titled "The Introduction of Christian Symbolism on Coins."

To the new junior and most "veteran" juniors, the acquisition of ten ancient coins and six numismatic publications without any expenditure of any coin of the realm, seems too good to be true. An example of the satisfaction generated by participation and completion in the RCP is shown by Jeff Daniher of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who writes:

"In a recent issue of *The Numismatist* I saw my name published as number fourteen to complete the entire Roman Coin Project. How good that makes me feel! It was a great challenge

to complete, but each time I received a coin it made it worth the trouble. Thank you very much."

Jeff, you have hit the nail squarely on the head. The earning of each coin is a challenge and completion of the whole program produces a feeling of great satisfaction.

Jeff continues: "I am now purchasing Roman coins to augment the nine ancient coins I earned in the RCP program. These are low grade because that is all I can afford. I am also acquiring Sear's *Roman Coins and Their Values* so that I can attribute them."

Jeff, once again you have hit the nail squarely on the head. Numismatics is far more than collecting coins just to acquire numbers and attractiveness. The heart of all numismatics is *study*. And few coins offer more opportunity for studying than Roman coins.

Jeff concludes: "Another recent column discussed the meaning of VOT/XX/MVLT/XXX which appears on a coin of Theodosius I that I earned. I had been wondering what it meant. Now I know. And I am sure that when Sear's book on Roman coins arrives I will learn a lot more. You have got me hooked!!"

Yes, Jeff is hooked. And you new juniors and older members who are not participants in the Roman Coin Project can also become hooked. The ANA believes that all juniors should have the opportunity to make a basic collection of Roman coins, considered by many authoritative numismatists as probably the most interesting and educational of all coins ever minted. Because juniors probably could not afford to buy these coins, the ANA has set up a "work" program for juniors in order to *earn* up to ten ancient coins. Work is placed in quotations because those things that juniors must do to earn coins are what numismatists do anyway in the collecting and studying of coins.

Just what sort of work is this? To get detailed instructions and a Roman Coin Request Form, write me immediately!

For further information or a Roman Coin Request Form, write David R. Cervin, 6201 Adirondack, Amarillo, TX 79106.

NEW ISSUES

UNITED KINGDOM

Papal Commemorative Issued in Great Britain

Despite the controversy surrounding the decision to strike a commemorative plaque featuring both Queen Elizabeth II and Pope John Paul II, the British Royal Mint has proceeded with the striking. The oblong commemorative recognizes the summer visit to Great Britain by Pope John Paul II—the first papal visit to Great Britain in history. Part of the proceeds of the plaque's sale will go to the Roman Catholic Church in Britain and the Church of England to help cover the cost of the visit.

Designed by president of the Royal Society of British Sculptors Michael Rizzello, the plaque measures $2\frac{1}{16} \times 1\frac{1}{16}$ inches in size and is struck in platinum, 22- and 9-kt. gold, sterling silver and bronze, each of which is serially numbered. The obverse features Queen Elizabeth II (the head of the Church of England) and Pope John Paul II (the head of the Roman Catholic Church) facing one another. The reverse is inscribed 1982 JOHN PAUL II VISIT TO GREAT BRITAIN. Prices and ordering procedures can be obtained from the U.S. agent handling the sale: Capitol Coin and Stamp, Inc., 1359 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

Falkland Islands

Issues Liberation Coin

On September 15, 1982, Douglas Liddell of Spinks Modern Collections, Ltd., presented Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with the new Falkland Islands coin struck in celebration of the islands' liberation from Argentine troops. Mrs. Thatcher will donate the 22-kt. gold coin to the Falkland Islands Charity Auction; part of the proceeds of which will go to the South Atlantic Fund, the Falklands Appeal and the remaining balance for restorative work on the islands.

Other than the one gold issue, the new coins are struck in sterling silver and cupro-nickel and are legal tender with a face value of 50-pence. The obverse bears Arnold Machin's official coinage portrait

of Queen Elizabeth II, which has appeared on British coinage since 1968. The new reverse design, featuring the islands' coat-of-arms superimposed over the Union Jack, was sculpted by Philip Nathan, designer of last year's United Kingdom Royal Wedding crown. At the top of the coin's reverse is the word LIBERATION, below is the date 14th JUNE 1982. The silver proof version is packed in a special presentation case and the cupro-nickel issue comes with a presentation folder. Information can be obtained from Spinks Modern Collections, Ltd., 29-35 Gladstone Rd., Croydon, Surrey, England.





Douglas Liddell of Spinks presents the Falkland Islands gold coin to Great Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

SWEDEN

Medal Honors King



In commemoration of the death of the Swedish King Gustav II Adolph at the Battle of Lutzen in 1632, the Swedish Mint, on request of the Society of Friends of the Royal Coin Cabinet, has minted a limited number of medals. Designed by former engraver of the Swedish Mint Leo Holmgren, the medals are struck in 23-kt. gold, .999 fine silver and in bronze. All three medals have a diameter of 45mm and a weight of 50 grams except for the gold edition, which weighs 90 grams.

The obverse shows a bust of King Gustav II, with the Latin dates of his birth and death on either side of him. The reverse depicts a genuflecting King Gustav in front of Lutzen. The Latin inscription on the bottom half of the medal reads THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL COIN CABINET • 1982. Prices and ordering procedures are available from MYNTVERKET, the Swedish Mint, Box 401, 631 06 ESKILSTUNA, Sweden.



WESTERN SAMOA

Treasury Issues Commemorative Coin

The Treasury Department of the Government of Western Samoa has announced the issuance of coins commemorating the XII Commonwealth Games held in Brisbane, Australia, from September 30 until October 9, 1982. Although the British Games generally have been held every four years since 1911, Samoa has only been in attendance since 1974 and, from that first appearance until this year, has been minting coins celebrating the event.

The common obverse of all denominations features a javelin thrower in action, with a stylized version of the Games' symbol to the right of the main design and the date 1982 below. The top edge of the coin is occupied by the word COMMONWEALTH and the bottom edge, GAMES. Struck to order by the Singapore Mint, the series includes a Proof gold version, a Proof silver version and an Uncirculated cupro-nickel piece. The 22-kt. gold coin, 28.5mm in diameter and struck from 7.5 grams of .917 fine gold, is encased in an inscribed velvet display case and sells for US\$200.



The sterling silver edition, 38.7mm in diameter and containing .925 fine silver, is also housed in an inscribed velvet case and sells for US\$42. The cupro-nickel coin is offered in a clear plastic slide-lid case and is priced at US\$4. Information about the Western Samoa XII Commonwealth commemorative coin can be obtained by writing to the Agency of Western Samoa Treasury, GPO Box 954, Adelaide, South Australia, 5001.

ISLE OF MAN

Christmas Coin Package Issued



First issued in 1980, the annual Christmas 50-pence coin of the Isle of Man has been issued for the 1982 season. Each year, the reverse of the heptagonal coin features some historic aspect of the celebration of Christmas on the island. This year's reverse depicts Castletown, the island's former capitol, which next year celebrates the centenary of its incorporation. Designed by Leslie Lindsay, the reverse shows a group of Victorian carolers in front of a Christmas tree against a backdrop of the Castle Rushen. The obverse bears the Machin portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

For general circulation, the 50-pence piece is struck in cupro-nickel, but a collectors' version in diamond finish is also available. Proof versions in sterling silver, 22-kt. gold and solid platinum are also being struck. The proof silver coin weighs 15.50 grams, the gold weighs 26 grams and the platinum weighs 10.40 grams; all editions have a diameter of 30mm. The coins are encapsulated in a full color Crownfolio, with Christmas greetings in nine languages. Information concerning the 1982 Christmas 50-pence coin may be obtained from the Pobjoy Mint, Oldfields Road, Sutton, SM1 2NW England.

THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Commemorative Coins Issued

The Republic of San Marino has issued two .835 silver coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Giuseppe Garibaldi. The common obverse of the 500- and 1,000-lire coins depicts a stylized version of the country's coat-of-arms and the word **LIBERTAS**. Above the central design are the words **REPUBBLICA DI SAN MARINO**. Below in three lines is the commemorative legend **CENTENARIO/GARIBALDINO/1882-1982**. The reverse of the 500-lire piece features a bust of Domenico Maria Belzoppi and the legend **BEN VENGA/IL RIFUGIATO** on either side. To the side of Belzoppi's right cheek is the denomination **L500**. A bust of Garibaldi



occupies the reverse of the 1,000-lire coin. The words around this design read **RICOPDERO SEMPRE/L'OSPITALITA**. The denomination **L1000** appears below Garibaldi's chin.

Designed and sculpted by Mario Molteni, the 500-lire piece weighs 11 grams and has a diameter of 29mm. The 1,000-lire piece weighs 14.6 grams and measures 31.4mm. Information about these two new coins can be obtained from The State Numismatic Office, Republic of San Marino.

UNITED STATES

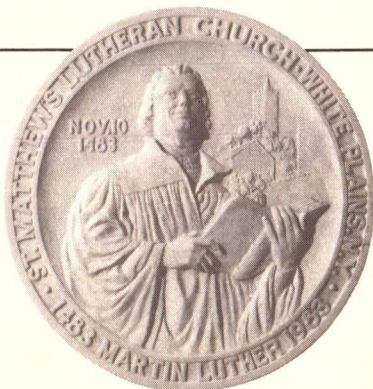
Religious Occasions Honored

800 commemorative medals have been struck by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of White Plains, New York, in honor of the 500th anniversary of the birth of religious reformer Martin Luther and the decision of three major Lutheran denominations to merge in January 1988.

Taken from an original Rutherford Boyd painting that presently hangs in the Lutheran Church in America headquarters in New York City, the obverse of the 2¼-inch, high-relief medal depicts Luther standing with an open Bible in his hands with the Wartburg Castle visible over his left shoulder. Above his right shoulder is his date of birth **NOV. 10/1483**. The legend around the obverse reads **ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH • WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.** and directly below Luther's portrait are the dates **1483 MARTIN LUTHER 1983**.

The medal's reverse, divided into four quadrants, symbolizes the unification of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches into one denomination. The quadrant at the lower right of the medal reads **"I AM THE VINE, AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES."/JOHN 15:5/ JANUARY 1988**, all the quadrants are joined by a vine.

Sculpted by Gladys Gunzer, chief staff sculptor of the Medallion Art Company,



the concept of the design came from the research of two of the members of the congregation's 500th Anniversary Committee. Of the 800 medals, 500 are struck in bronze, the remaining in nickel-silver and all will be presented with a walnut stand. The price for the bronze edition is

set at \$23 and the nickel-silver issue is priced at \$25 plus \$1.50 postage for each. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew's Luther Hall Anniversary Fund and mailed to 3 Carthart Ave., White Plains, NY 10605.

250th Anniversary Recognized

In conjunction with the 250th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury, New Jersey, the church has issued a commemorative communion token designed by Leonard and Sarah Dunikaski. The obverse of the 40mm token bears the oldest corporate seal of any American Presbyterian church. Al-

though the exact significance of the device in the center of the seal is unknown, it is thought to be a crude version of the burning bush used by the Presbyterian Church of Scotland symbolizing the indestructible nature of the church. The motto "Religious Liberty" reflects the sentiments of the early settlers fleeing religious persecution in their native Scotland.

The reverse depicts the communion table and the wording THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. The circle around the central design was added because it was used on many early communion tokens as a symbol of "completeness and neverending joy in Jesus Christ." The



August 1982 Mint Report

Denomination	Prev. Total	August Total	Total
Quarter Dollars	570,680,000	85,400,000	656,080,000
Dimes	788,330,000	27,500,000	815,830,000
Five-cent pieces	316,692,000	66,720,000	383,412,000
One-cent pieces	9,764,050,000	1,596,530,000	11,360,580,000
1982 Proof Sets (SF)	1,596,423	449,857	2,046,280
Bicentennial 40% Silver			
Proof Sets	26,462	—0—	26,462
Bicentennial 40% Silver			
Uncirculated Sets	9,396	—0—	9,396
George Washington			
Commemorative Proof			
Coin Sets	—0—	382,189	382,189

Coinage Executed for Foreign Governments

Philadelphia	Denomination	Prev. Total	August Total	Total
Dominican Republic	5 Centavos	4,000,000	—0—	4,000,000
Dominican Republic	10 Centavos	6,000,000	—0—	6,000,000
Dominican Republic	25 Centavos	3,200,000	—0—	3,200,000
Dominican Republic	50 Centavos	1,300,000	—0—	1,300,000

New York Assay Office

Panama	1 Centesimo	2,000,000	—0—	2,000,000
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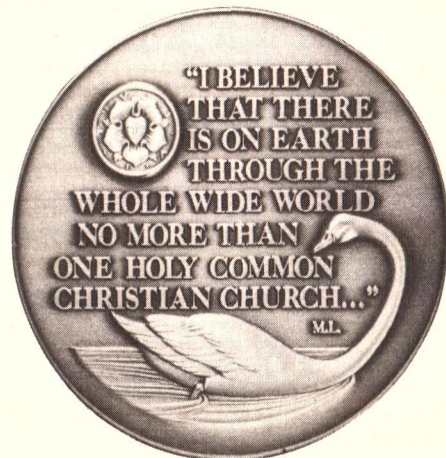
legend at the upper portion of the reverse reads TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY/COMMEMORATIVE COMMUNION TOKEN and the lower legend reads I AM THE VINE,/YE ARE THE BRANCHES. This verse was selected because it was used on early Conventer communion tokens.

As was the old custom, the initials of the minister appear on the token (near the left star on the reverse as a stylized M enclosing a D and a P) and as is the modern custom, the initials of the token designers also appear on the reverse (near the right star, as an S for Sarah and L for Leonard, joined to form a D). The tokens are minted in sterling silver, nickel silver and antiqued nickel silver. There is a limited number of tokens available; information can be obtained from the Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, 352 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ 07701.

Medal Commemorates Religious Leader

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of religious reformer Martin Luther, Celebration Arts of New York has issued a commemorative medal designed by Don Everhart II. The obverse of the three-inch medal features a high-relief portrait of Martin Luther at approximately 46 years of age. Because of his position as a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg in Germany, Luther is portrayed in the traditional academic regalia of cap and robe. Above the portrait is his name, MARTIN LUTHER, and below is the commemorative legend 500th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH. On either side of the central design are the dates 1483 and 1983.

The reverse of the medal features a quote by Luther explaining his concern for the oneness of the Christian Church: "I BELIEVE/THAT THERE/IS ON EARTH/THROUGH THE/WHOLE WIDE WORLD/NO MORE THAN/ONE HOLY COMMON/CHRISTIAN CHURCH..."/M.L. Below the quote is a swan, symbolic of Luther himself. John Huss, one of the first reformers, stated before he was martyred that his executioners might roast "the goose"—Huss' name in Bohemian—but in the future would come a swan to continue his work. Unabashedly, Luther declared himself the swan.



In the upper left of the reverse is the Luther Rose Seal, developed by Luther as a symbol of his theology. The seal consists of an open rose with a heart in the middle; superimposed over the heart is a cross. The word VIVIT (Latin for "He lives!") surrounds the rose design.

Struck in both bronze and fine silver, the medal is presented with a walnut stand and an explanatory brochure. Both medals are 1/4 inch thick and have hand-applied satin antique finishes. The bronze version weighs approximately eight ounces and the silver edition weighs 9.76 troy ounces (303.5 grams) and has a limited mintage of 100, all of which are serially numbered.

Prices for the Martin Luther commemorative medal are available upon request from Celebration Arts, 24 Prospect Dr. S., Huntington Station, NY 11746.

Vincze's Latest Shakespeare Medals Released



Adding to the Shakespeare Commemorative Medallion Series sponsored by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, are the four newest medals by Paul Vincze representing the Shakespearean works *Troilus and Cressida*; *The Comedy of Errors*; *King Henry VI, Part 1*; and *King Henry VI, Part 3*. The series, which was begun by Vincze in 1971, includes one medal for each of Shakespeare's 36 plays. With the release of the newest medals, only four remain and will be released sometime in 1983. The obverse common to all 36 medals features a portrait of Shakespeare as the central design, above which is his name. To the left is the Globe Theatre and mask of comedy; to the right is the Swan Theatre and the mask of tragedy. Below the portrait of Shakespeare is a quote by Ben Jonson: SOULE OF THE AGE/THE APPLAUSE DELIGHT/THE WONDER OF OUR STAGE/MY SHAKESPEARE RISE.

All Shakespeare medals are 2¼ inches in diameter. The precious metal issues, supplied with a signed and numbered certificate of authenticity, will be released in the following limited editions and prices: 10 platinum and 100 gold medals (quotes on request), 750 fine silver gilded medals at \$90.50 each and 2,500 silver oxidized medals at \$82.50 each. An unlimited number of bronze gilded medals at \$24.50 and bronze oxidized medals at \$18.50 will be issued (a \$3 handling fee must be added to each medal ordered).

The Vincze series represents the first time an individual sculptor-medalist has designed medals depicting characters and scenes from each of Shakespeare's plays. Vincze, a distinguished medalist, has won a number of international awards, and his works appear in most major museums and collections. For more information about ordering Vincze's Shakespeare medals, contact the Director, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, The Shakespeare Center, Stratford-on-Avon, CV37 60W, England.

CLUB NEWS

Chicago Coin Club (LC-7)

Plans for the annual awards banquet were announced by banquet co-chairman Harry X Boosel at the Chicago Coin Club's September meeting. In an effort to provide low-cost banquet tickets for the club's junior members, adult members agreed to contribute coins and tokens to a special banquet raffle, the proceeds of which will help defray the cost of the juniors' tickets.

A nominating committee, headed by Richard Shepard, was appointed to present a slate of candidates for the club's annual elections. Under the chairmanship of Gerald Anaszewicz, a special committee will investigate the possibility of presenting an award to the best original paper submitted to the CCC this year. A third committee, chaired by William Holm, will be responsible for selecting winners from the club's 1982 exhibitors. For the first time in several years, the club is looking into holding a CCC-sponsored coin show. A show committee has been organized to consider the club's options.

Fort Collins Coin Club (C-30600)

The October meeting of the Fort Collins Coin Club of Fort Collins, Colorado, included a run-down of the many successful events of the club's busy September schedule. The annual Labor Day dinner brought together 92 collectors and their guests, and during the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association Fall Show held September 18-19 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a number of FCCC members were elected to CWNA offices for the upcoming year. A highlight of the Colorado Springs meeting was the announcement of Fort Collins Coin Club member Max McDowell as the show's "Man-of-the-Year."

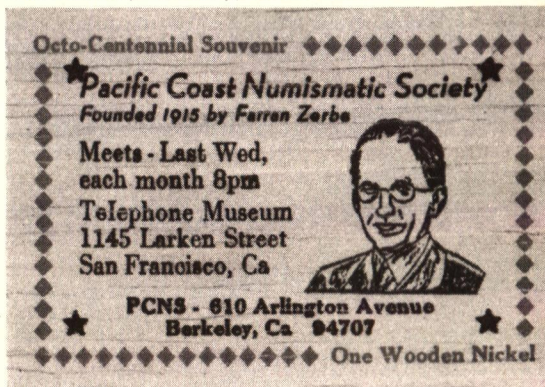
National Association of B\$2C Collectors (C-99336)

Astronauts who participated in the fourth space shuttle flight were each presented with a set of Bicentennial \$2 cancelled notes specially created by George Wagner. Wagner, a member of the National Association of B\$2C Collectors

headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland, made the presentation at the recent national convention of the Experimental Aviation Association. Over the years Wagner has diligently pursued the creation of the "Space Shuttle" B\$2Cs, some of which feature cancellations from all four space shuttle flights.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (C-1830)

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society will celebrate its 800th consecutive monthly meeting on November 14 with a reception at the Telephone Museum, 1145 Larkin Street, San Francisco, California. PCNS President Lori Reppeteau cordially invites past and present members, guests and interested individuals to attend the gala affair and celebrate this historic event. Those planning to attend are requested to notify the PCNS, 610 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley, California 94707.



To commemorate this special occasion, the PCNS has issued an octagonal medal in both silver and bronze and a two-sided, three-color wooden flat. The medal features the familiar PCNS logo on the obverse and an inscription relating to the event on the reverse. A sketch of Farran Zerbe and the PCNS logo are incorporated in the design of the wooden flat. The medal and wood may be ordered from the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, 610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707. The silver medal is priced at \$16.50 postpaid; the bronze medal sells for \$3.50 postpaid; and the wood is available for \$1 plus a

Convention of International Numismatics Scheduled

The Convention of International Numismatics, which usually takes place in June each year, has been rescheduled for August 12-14, 1983. The convention committee was unable to secure hotel reservations and convention space for June, and as the ANA's 92nd Anniversary Convention will be held in San Diego the following week, the committee felt that dealers and convention-goers might find the new schedule more convenient.

General chairman G.A. "Corky" Ayers has suggested "Ireland" for the theme of the "Happy Twentieth" anniversary convention, which will be held at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. Bourse applications can be obtained from Angus Bruce, 832 Marion Avenue, Hemet, CA 92343.

stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Recognized as the oldest numismatic organization west of the Mississippi, the Society was founded in 1915 by Farran Zerbe to promote numismatics and to provide a vehicle for individuals to meet and discuss coins and other numismatic items. The PCNS is affiliated with the ANA, the American Numismatic Society, the California State Numismatic Association and the Northern California Numismatic Association, and its membership is comprised of more than 100 individuals. The Society issues a monthly newsletter, *PCNS Bulletin*; conducts an annual numismatic research paper contest and holds an anniversary banquet each year for its members. Guests are welcome at the club's monthly meetings, which are held the last Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Telephone Museum, 1145 Larkin Street, San Francisco.

Numismatic Council of Orange County (C-67287)

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, president of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, attended the September meeting of California's Numismatic Council of Orange County, where he presented Elizabeth L. Wisslead with the 1982 ANA Club Representative Award. Recounting 25 years of service to the ANA, Mrs. Wisslead explained that she began her association with the ANA's Anniversary Conventions in Los Angeles in 1958. She is currently completing her twelfth year of service to the Numismatic Council of Orange County.

Those planning to attend the club's



Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald (right) presents Elizabeth Wisslead with the 1982 Club Representative Award as NCOC President Walter Dittrich stands by.

15th Annual Coin Show on November 13 and 14 will be able to present an elongated cent designed exclusively for the show to gain admittance. Collectors can obtain the special edition elongated cent by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$1 to Claude Watt, P.O. Box 10331, Santa Ana, CA 92711.

The Numismatic Council of Orange County is comprised of 11 county clubs: the California Collectors of Elongateds, the Orange County PNC Club, the Orange County International Numismatic Association, and the Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Laguna Hills, Orange County, Santa Ana, Tustin, and Orange



Coast Coin Clubs. Working together, the clubs pool their efforts to hold an annual show to promote numismatic interest and activity in Orange County. Each club appoints two delegates to the council. Current officers include Walter Dittrich, president/general chairman; Peter Meyer, vice president; Evalene Pulati, secretary; and Sam Miclean, treasurer.

Boeing Employees Coin Club (C-55557)

Rapidly approaching its 20th anniversary, the Boeing Employees Coin Club was chartered in 1963 by a group of avid numismatists, all of whom were employed by the Boeing Company, a manufacturer of aircraft and related items in Seattle, Washington. Club secretary Nina Caldwell reported that the topic of the club's August meeting was "My Favorite Coin," with exhibits displayed by club President Bob Keyes and member George West. Greg Rohan, senior vice president of Pacific Gold and Silver Investments, was the club's September guest speaker.

The Boeing Employees Coin Club meets

the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Boeing Recreational Center in Seattle. In addition to exhibits and guest speakers, club meetings regularly feature drawings and prizes awarded for attendance and outstanding displays.

Garden State Numismatic Association (LC-17)

ANA Governor Stephen R. Taylor was the bearer of good news on a recent visit to ANA Headquarters in Colorado Springs. In his dual capacity as an ANA governor and first vice president of the Garden State Numismatic Association, Taylor presented a \$1,000 check to the ANA Building Fund on behalf of the 40 affiliated clubs and more than 500 members of the Garden State Numismatic Association. The GSNA also pledged \$50 a month for the next year to be added to the Building Fund. On hand to accept the generous donation at Headquarters were ANA President Adna G. Wilde, Jr., Treasurer William C. Henderson and Executive Vice President Edward C. Rochette.



Garden State Numismatic Association President and ANA Governor Steve Taylor (right) presents a \$1,000 check on behalf of the members of the GSNA to ANA President Adna Wilde. ANA Executive Vice President Ed Rochette (left) and Treasurer Bill Henderson smile their approval.



Collectors of amusement tokens will be pleased to know that the **Maryland Amusement Token Collectors Association** (C-116178) has issued the second in a series of tokens commemorating new electronic arcade games. The blue plastic token can be obtained by forwarding another token from any local electronic games arcade to the Maryland Amusement Token Collectors Association, Box J, Baltimore, MD 21228.

Montgomery County Coin Club (C-37103)

Because collectors of coins and stamps are usually collectors of other items as well, the September meeting of the Montgomery County Coin Club of Maryland was devoted to finding out just what these "other" collections entailed. Joe Clark began the program by displaying his collection of wooden money—both flats and rounds—that he acquired from around the country. Herb Hall exhibited his collection of souvenir cards produced by the U.S. Postal Service, the United Nations, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the American Bank Note Company. Displaying his unusual collection of whiskey decanters, Walt Miller elaborated on his rare "1804 Silver Dollar" decanter that contained its original brew. Irv Eisen expressed his interest in scripphily by displaying his collection of stock certificates that were once issued by various railroad and mining companies.

The club's October meeting featured guest lecturer Commander Mendal Peterson, who discussed "Collecting Coins Under the Sea." Currently director of Underwater Exploration, Peterson has served as curator of the Smithsonian Department of History and chairman of the Armed Forces History Department and is a member of many scientific organizations.

Oak Forest Coin Club (C-7031)

The November meeting of the Oak Forest Coin Club of Illinois marked the beginning of the club's sixth year. Guest speaker at the meeting was ANA Governor Harry X Boosel, who discussed his favorite topic, "Coinage of 1873." Known to many as "Mr. 1873," Boosel has specialized for many years in the coinage of that year and has written a reference on the subject entitled 1873-1873.

To celebrate its recent five-year milestone, the OFCC produced a commemorative wooden dollar. The wood can be obtained for 50¢ (or three woods for \$1) by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Nick Crnkovich, 5540 W. 159th St., Oak Forest, IL 60452.

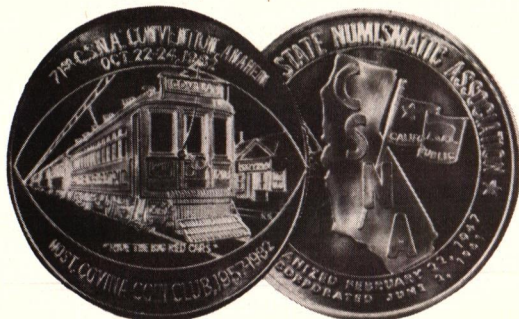


California State Numismatic Association (C-14488)

A "Big Red Car" commands the predominant design on the silver and bronze medals issued by the California State Numismatic Association in recognition of the group's 71st Semi-Annual convention held in Anaheim, California, October 22-24, 1982. The famous "Big Red Cars," the interurban trains that linked Southern California's mountains, beaches, orange

groves and cities for more than half a century, served as the theme for the convention. The reverse of the medals features the familiar CSNA logo.

Collectors interested in obtaining specimens of the CSNA convention medal may choose from either the silver issue, which is available for \$15 each, or the bronze issue, which can be purchased for \$1 each. All medal orders should include full remittance and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Orders should be sent to CSNA, c/o Charles Colver, 611 N. Banna Avenue, Covina, CA 91724.



Colorado Springs

Numismatic Society (C-36988)

The September meeting of the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society was fairly well attended, despite the fact that the football season was, at the time, in full force. Bill Henderson reported the activities at the ANA convention in Boston, and Tom DeLorey discussed the controversy surrounding the numerical grading system used by ANACS.

Displaying 100 newly acquired pieces, Jack Ates gave an exhibit talk about "Continuation of my Foreign Collection." "Three-Cent Pieces" was the topic of John Bunge's presentation, which included a history lesson about the "three-cent copper nickel." Gerome Walton showed an exhibit on "Nebraska Banknotes," using a sheet of notes from the McCook National Bank, a First National Bank of Brownsville note and one from the First National of Wisner, as examples.

Max Stucky displayed an interesting collection of railroad memorabilia, such as a brochure containing a number of line prints, postcards and stock certificates. Displaying several souvenirs brought to her by friends who attended the 1982

ANA Boston convention, Pearl Crabb discussed "I Attended the ANA Convention as Usual." This exhibit and discussion won Pearl the monthly exhibit ribbon.

Ocean County Coin Club (C-67395)

An overwhelming majority of dealers were pleased with attendance and sales at the Ocean County Coin Club's 12th annual show held September 12 in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. Registration chairwoman Diane Mesaris reported that 787 persons registered at the show, 1,003 one-day membership tickets were sold, and many visitors requested membership applications from registration personnel. Archie Black, club president and show chairman, was also enthusiastic about the show's success and was pleased with the comments he received from the 60-dealer bourse. Twenty-two dealers have already reserved bourse space for the club's 1983 show.

Thirteen exhibitors entered 20 cases of superb numismatic material in competition for the club's distinctive awards. The Chuck Fifield Best of Show Award was presented to Paul Pfeil of Ogdensburg, New Jersey, for his display of "Big Game Animals of East Africa." The first place honor in the senior competition was awarded to James K. Brandt for "Silver Certificates of 1899;" second place was awarded to Douglas Tilghman for his exhibit, "A Selection of U.S. Coin Errors;" and third place was captured by Frank



Winning exhibitors at the Ocean County Coin Club's 12th Annual Coin Show proudly display their awards. From left to right are Mark Calazzo, Andrew Gaylard, club President Archie Black, Paul Pfeil, Jr., Paul Pfeil, Sr., James Brandt, Douglas Tilghman and Frank Kroha.



*Exhibitors show off the plaques they won for their displays at the **Sussex County Coin Club's** (C-98607) 5th Annual Coin Show. Pictured from left to right are Douglas Tilghman, second place; Ed Smith, third place; Paul Pfeil, Sr., first place; Dennis Tilghman, Best of Show; and William Horton, Jr., show chairman and club president. The Sussex County Coin Club meets the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Sparta Elks Club on the boardwalk at Lake Mohawk, Sparta, New Jersey.*

Kroha for his display entitled "Alfred S. Robinson—George Lovett and the 1789 Washington Cent. Fantasy? Fiction?" The total points awarded by the four judges resulted in a tie between Tilghman and Kroha for second place, and a second judging was necessary to break the deadlock.

In junior competition Paul Pfeil, Jr. won first place for his exhibit, "Susan B. Anthony Dollars;" Andrew Gaylard was awarded second place for "Selected Samples of British Coinage;" and Mark Callazzo received third place for "20th Century Type Coins." Noncompetitive exhibits included Dennis Tilghman's "Type Set of Five-Cent Nickels," Michael Brower's "Famous People on American Coins," and Kari Brower's "The History of the Ocean County Coin Club."

At the club's invitation, Adolph Weiss of the PAK Jefferson Nickel Club presented a slide program that was both entertaining and educational, entitled "The Beauty, Lore and Fun of Numis-

matics." In another program, Al Zaika, president of the New Jersey Numismatic Society, discussed "Genuine Fake Tokens and Medals" and displayed numerous examples.

Keeping with tradition, the OCCC announced the Sunday after Labor Day as the date for its 1983 show. Club President Archie Black once again will serve as show chairman.

St. Petersburg Coin Club (C-20000)

Members of the St. Petersburg Coin Club enjoyed a very successful annual coin show at the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel August 27-29. The show brought together 67 dealers from all over the United States, and according to club President Richard Watley and the show's General Chairman Al Price, an excellent crowd was on hand to enjoy the annual event.

Past President and Exhibit Chairman Vernon L. Bigsby coordinated the exhibits, highlighted by the Best-in-Show material displayed by Mrs. Gerda Birkholz. The ex-

hibit, titled "War and Peace," was a magnificent collection of German porcelain medallions dated from 1921 through World War II. Mrs. Birkholz also won first place in the specialized category "German East African Money." John B. Henry was also a double prize winner for his paper money exhibit of currencies from Colonial days and his display of Civil War items, including slave papers.

Other award winners included Mrs. Dorothy Price for her exhibit of choice gold coins, Earl Massey for his display of U.S. obsolete coins, Sidney Ripon for his display of modern coins of Israel, Walter Klein for coins of Tunisia and John Cawthros, who captured the junior division with his exhibit of U.S. items.

San Diego Numismatic Society (C-6380)

Members who attended the September meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society were treated to a presentation by Bill West, who discussed "The Liberty Bell on Coins and Collectibles," sharing with members in attendance several examples of Liberty Bell memorabilia from his collection.

Club member Harvey Rose was also on hand to discuss the upcoming ANA 92nd



Anniversary Convention to be hosted by the San Diego Numismatic Society in 1983, stressing that the club had much work to do in preparation for the event. Harvey and his wife Patsy have struck 50,000 aluminum tokens to advertise the event, issuing a limited number of tokens in silver and bronze. The Roses have assembled sets of three tokens in silver, bronze and aluminum, and have encased them in plastic for presentation to outstanding local ladies involved in numismatics. Dorothy Baber and Betty Young were the first recipients, and Betty Webb, Anna Merla Panosh, Kay Lenker, Barbara Smith and Joan Noga will receive the honor in the near future. One token was struck in gold especially for presentation to Patsy Rose.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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EAST

NOVEMBER

6-7 CHARLESTON, WV. Charleston West Virginia Civic Center, Lee St. at Elk River. Charleston Coin Club's Annual Show. Donald K. Clifford, P.O. Box 65, St. Albans, WV 25177.

7 EASTON, PA. Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 147 S. 4th St. Forks of the Delaware Coin Club's Coin and Stamp Show. Eva Korbobo, 310-5th St., Morris Park, Phillipsburg, NJ 18865.

7 PORTLAND, ME. Holiday Inn, Maine Tpke., Exit 8. Coin Show sponsored by the Gorham Coin Club. Charles A. Roberts, 37 Anson Rd., Portland, ME 04102.

13-14 LAVALE, MD. LaVale Fire Hall, 423 National Hwy. Western Maryland Coin Club's Coin Show. George Waingold, 1260 Vocke Rd., LaVale, MD 21502.

14 FLEMINGTON, NJ. Hunterdon County Agricultural Center, Hwy. 31. Hunterdon Coin Club's 19th Annual Coin Show and Exhibit. Howard Coss, R.D. 1, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

21 TOWSON, MD. Towson Quality Inn, 1015 York Rd. Baltimore Coin Club Show. Paul Finck, Box 101, Timonium, MD 21093.

21 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Onondaga Numismatic Association Coin Show. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle W., Clay, NY 13041.

26-28 ENDICOTT, NY. The Lodge Quality Inn and Convention Center, 1 Lodge Blvd. "Coin is King," the 39th Convention of the Triple Cities Coin Club. Gary Pipher, P.O. Box 217, Johnson City, NY 13790-0217.

27-28 CHEEKTOWAGA, NY. Rescue Hose Auditorium, 72 Randolph Ave. Cheektowaga Stamp and Coin Society's 19th Annual Stamp and Coin "Checoped." Donald W. LeBarron, 47 Elaine Ct., Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

29 NEW BEDFORD, MA. V.F.W. Poirier Post Hall, Ashley Blvd. Coin Show sponsored by the Coin Club of Greater New Bedford. Roland Gauthier, P.O. Box A991, New Bedford, MA 02741.

DECEMBER

11-12 HUNTINGTON, WV. YMCA Bldg., 935 10th Ave. Huntington Coin Club's 32nd Annual Coin Show. Sheldon Roush, 59 Setzer Dr., Barboursville, WV 25504.

11-12 WAYNESBORO, PA. A.T.H. & L. Fire Company, S. Potomac St. Waynesboro Coin Club's 20th Annual Coin Show. Glenn Wingert, 34 Strickler Ave., Waynesboro, PA 17258.

12 SYRACUSE, NY. Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Rd. Onondaga Numismatic Association Coin Show. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle W., Clay, NY 13041.

SOUTH

NOVEMBER

6-7 JACKSON, MS. Coliseum Ramada Inn. Jackson and Ridgeland Coin Clubs' Semi-Annual Show. Jim Ratliff, Box 6423, Jackson, MS 39212.

12-14 DALLAS, TX. Dunfey Dallas Hotel, 3800 W. Northwest Hwy. Numismatics International Coin Exposition sponsored by Numismatics International, the International Bank Note Society and the Society for Ancient Numismatics. Ross Schraeder, P.O. Box 6094, Richardson, TX 75080.

19-21 BIRMINGHAM, AL. Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, 9th Ave. and 21st St. 23rd Annual Convention of the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association. Purnie Moore, P.O. Box 35101, West End Station, Birmingham, AL 35211.

20-21 WICHITA FALLS, TX. Gateway Inn, 1211 Central Exp. Coin Show sponsored by the Red River Coin Club. Logan L. Essex, P.O. Box 4061, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

27-28 GREENSBORO, NC. Greensboro Coliseum Complex, 1921 W. Lee St. Greensboro Coin Club's Annual Show. Suzanne Latham, P.O. Box 13713, Greensboro, NC 27405.

27-28 HOUSTON, TX. Ramada Inn—Hobby Airport, 7777 Airport Blvd. 21st Annual Coin Show of the Pasadena Coin Club. Ken's Coin Shop, 435 El Dorado Blvd., Suite 12, Webster, TX 77598.

27-28 LEESBURG, FL. Community Center, Dixie Ave. Lake County Coin Club's Coin Show. J.E. Jones, Bentbough Dr., Leesburg, FL 32748.

DECEMBER

4-5 LAWTON, OK. Montego Bay Motor Hotel, I-44, Gore Blvd. Exit. Comanche County Coin Club's "Gold Mine VII" Coin and Stamp Show. M. "Rizz" Risley, Box 5551, Lawton, OK 73504.

JANUARY 1983

5-8 ORLANDO, FL. Sheraton Towers. Florida United Numismatists' 28th Annual Convention. Thomas A. Palmer, Jr., 140 Tarrytown Tr., Longwood, FL 32750.

12-16 HOLLYWOOD, FL. Diplomat Resort and Country Clubs. Greater Florida International Coin Convention held in conjunction with the American Israel Numismatic Association Convention. Jack Garfield, P.O. Box 25790, Tamarac, FL 33320.

14-16 ST. PETERSBURG, FL. Skyway Inn, 3400 34th St. S. Gulfport Coin Club's Coin and Stamp Show. GCC, P.O. Box 7934, St. Petersburg, FL 33734.

15-16 FORT MEYERS, FL. Spanish Main Restaurant Hall, 4800 South U.S. 41. Fort Meyers Coin Club's 17th Annual Coin and Stamp Show. Jack Bruner, 15605 San Carlos Blvd., Fort Meyers, FL 33908.

22-23 HOT SPRINGS, AR. Convention Center. 17th Annual Coin Show of the Tri-Lakes Coin Club. Gene Pennington, P.O. Box 2451, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

FEBRUARY

11-13 DAYTONA BEACH, FL. Daytona Hilton, 2637 S. Atlantic Ave. Daytona Beach Coin Club's Coin Convention. Lawrence A. Nilson, P.O. Box 3031, Ormond Beach, FL 32074.

CENTRAL

NOVEMBER

6 KALAMAZOO, MI. Kalamazoo County Center Bldg., 2900 Lake St. Kalamazoo Numismatic Club's Annual Fall Coin Show. C.A. Fenwick, 1126 Reycraft Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

- 6-7** ANDERSON, IN. Mounds Mall Shopping Center, 109 By-Pass. Madison County Coin Club's Fall Coin Show. Glen M. Baldwin, P.O. Box 2, Anderson, IN 46015.
- 6-7** OMAHA, NE. Holiday Inn, I-80 and 72nd St. Omaha Coin Club's 23rd Annual Coin Show. Ralph Reeves, 1027 S. 90th St., Omaha, NE 68114.
- 7** DETROIT, MI. Edward Cardinal Mooney K of C Hall, 25300 Fenkell. Northwest Detroit Coin Club's 21st Annual Fall Coin Show. Tom Gillet, P.O. Box 16231, Lansing, MI 48901.
- 7** LOGANSPOUT, IN. American Legion Hall, I-29 South. 26th Annual Fall Coin Show of the Logansport Coin Club. Letha Martin, P.O. Box 241, Logansport, IN 46947.
- 7** URBANA, IL. Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St. Champaign-Urbana Coin Club's Annual Fall Show. Keith LeSeure, 1909 Moraine Dr., Champaign, IL 61820.
- 13-14** ROCHESTER, MN. Mayo Civic Auditorium, 30 S.E. Second Ave. Rochester Coin Club's Annual Greater Hiawathaland Coin Show. Jerry Swanson, P.O. Box 565, Rochester, MN 55901.
- 14** DAVENPORT, IA. Holiday Inn, 5202 Brady St. 18th Annual Coin Show of the Davenport Coin Club. Bert Shipley, P.O. Box 3193, Davenport, IA 52808.
- 14** DEARBORN, MI. Al Matta Hall, 5121 Oakman Blvd. Annual Fall Coin Show of the Dearborn Coin Club. DCC, P.O. Box 891, Dearborn, MI 48121.
- 19-21** ST. LOUIS, MO. Holiday Inn-Westport. 18th Annual Coin Show of the World Coin Club of Missouri. WCCM, P.O. Box 12413, St. Louis, MO 63132.
- 26-28** KANSAS CITY, MO. The Inn, 1601 N. Universal Ave. 24th Midwest Coin Show sponsored by the Heart of America Numismatic Association. Charles Keeler, 4701 N.E. Terr., Kansas City, MO 64117.
- 27-28** MEMPHIS, TN. Quality Inn West, 271 W. Alston Ave. Whitehaven Coin Club's Special Thanksgiving Show. Oliver Huffman, P.O. Box 22293, Memphis, TN 38122.

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NOVEMBER

- 5-7** BOISE, ID. Holiday Airport Inn, I-80 at Vista Ave. Southern Idaho Coin Club's 25th Annual Coin Show. H. Francis Fenske, 1111 N. 7th St., Boise, ID 83702.
- 6-7** FRESNO, CA. Hacienda Inn, 2550 Clinton and Hwy. 99. Fresno Numismatic Society's 16th Annual Coin-a-Rama. FNS, P.O. Box 41, Fresno, CA 93707.
- 13-14** ANAHEIM, CA. Quality Inn, 616 Convention Way. Numismatic Council of Orange County's 15th Annual Coin Show. Elizabeth L. Wisslead, P.O. Box 10331, Santa Ana, CA 92711.
- 13-14** TACOMA, WA. Sherwood Inn, I-5 at S. 84th St. Lakewood Center Coin Club's Coin Show '82. Robert Kinsedahl, P.O. Box 9389, Tacoma, WA 98409.
- 14** PALO ALTO, CA. Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real. Peninsula Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 11484, Palo Alto, CA 94306.
- 20-21** STOCKTON, CA. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St. 18th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Delta Coin Club of California. Elden Enzminger, P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253.
- 21** PETALUMA, CA. Veterans Memorial Building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. S. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 15th Annual Coinarama. Lorene Farnsworth, 582 Este Madera Dr., Sonoma, CA 95476.

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- 14-16** SAN JOSE, CA. San Jose Convention Center, Market St. and Park Ave. San Jose Coin Club's 15th Annual Coin Show and Educational Forum. Ken Barr, P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150.

FEBRUARY

- 18-20** PHOENIX, AZ. Camelhead Granada Royale Hometel, 44th St. and E. McDowell. Phoenix Coin Club's Pre-ANA Show. R.E. "Ducky" Crandall, P.O. Box 482, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.
- 26-27** CUPERTINO, CA. De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd. Coin Show of the Cupertino Coin Club. CCC, P.O. Box 1189, Cupertino, CA 95014.

FUTURE ANA EVENTS

- February 24-27, 1983** TUCSON, AZ. Tucson Community Center, Marriott Hotel. 5th Midwinter Convention. Hal Birt, General Chairman, 4325 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85711.
- August 16-20, 1983** SAN DIEGO, CA. Town & Country Hotel. 92nd Anniversary Convention. Catharine Edgerton Lenker, General Chairman, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92106.
- February 1984** COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. 6th Midwinter Convention. Hotel and General Chairman to be announced.
- July 30-August 5, 1984** DETROIT, MI. Cobo Hall Convention Center. 93rd Anniversary Convention.



ANA CERTIFICATION SERVICE

Counterfeit \$5 Liberty Gold Pieces



Figure 1: Series of depressions below eagle's right wing.



Figure 2: Depressions above FIVE.



Figure 3: Series of depressions below AME of AMERICA.



Figure 4: Raised spikes of metal from rim to field above AMERICA.

During recent months ANACS has received some very eye-appealing \$5 Liberty gold counterfeits. What makes these counterfeits so deceptive is that their lustre is representative of genuine coins. The dated obverses noted thus far include 1885, 1892, and 1908; yet, the reverses are all from a common counterfeit die. Thus, other dated obverses combined with this reverse might surface in the future.

Diagnostic characteristics of this common counterfeit reverse die include numerous depressions and raised metal not normally associated with genuine U.S. Mint products. The most obvious depression is below the eagle's right wing (Figure 1), with a similar depressed area in evidence in the field below the eagle and above the E of FIVE (Figure 2). Other depressions are apparent below the AME of AMERICA (Figure 3).

Raised metal in the form of "spikes" are repeatedly visible on the reverses of these counterfeits. Especially evident are the spikes from the rim into the fields above AMERICA (Figure 4). A similar spike is also present above the D of UNITED.

When studying the obverses of these counterfeits, it is important to note that although the coins themselves are all similar in appearance, texture and quality, the obverses each have their own dis-



Figure 5: Depressions on date and bust of Miss Liberty.



Figure 6: *Depressions in hair at back of head and raised lines in field below.*

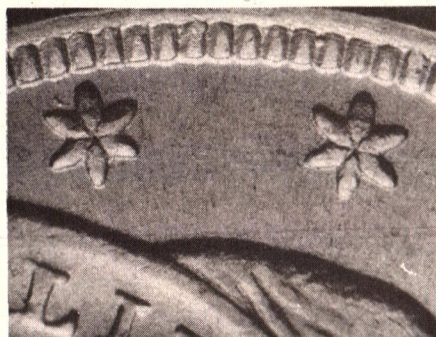


Figure 7: *Raised lines and lumps between stars seven and eight.*

tinguishing characteristics. The 1885 \$5 counterfeits, for example, have numerous depressions on the date, hair and face (Figures 5 and 6).

The 1892 piece has similar characteristics yet it offers an added feature. Tool marks are present on the neck of Miss Liberty, indicating the counterfeiter's attempt to correct his dies by removing raised metal from them. These elevated portions, usually the result of transferring a bagmark from a genuine coin, are scratched, filed or tooled in an attempt to hide the raised areas. The result is a series of fine raised lines rather than the depressions that would normally occur. On this particular counterfeit other depressions, lumps and raised lines appear in the fields of the coin (Figure 7), especially in front of the chin and above Miss Liberty's head.

The 1908 \$5 counterfeit obverse is probably the easiest to detect, largely because of the obvious pieces of raised metal appearing on the face and neck of Miss Liberty (Figures 8 and 9).

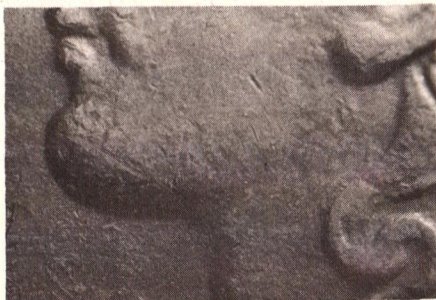


Figure 8: *Numerous depressions on face, neck and in field.*



Figure 9: *Raised lumps and depressions on obverse of 1908 \$5 Liberty gold piece.*

However, as mentioned before, the important features to remember are those associated with the reverse die. Because this reverse is common to all \$5 Liberty gold pieces from 1866-1908, it can be expected that this reverse, or some variation of it, will be used with other dated obverses.

Balance of ANACS Counterfeit Detection Reports Available Soon!

The American Numismatic Association has announced that the remainder of ANA's Counterfeit Detection Report Series, including Reports 22 through 36, will be available for purchase in December. Those who have paid the \$105 subscription price will receive the balance of the series automatically. Those who have not subscribed can purchase individual reports at \$4 each.

The Counterfeit Detection Reports cover the coins that traditionally give people the most difficulty, from cents

through gold and commemorative pieces. The new series of reports will further aid the serious numismatist in spotting the dangerous and deceptive counterfeits seen in the marketplace. An in-depth examination of the diagnostic characteristics of both genuine and counterfeit rare coins is provided in the Counterfeit Detection Reports, giving the collector a quick and valuable reference tool. Counterfeit Detection Reports can be ordered from ANACS, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

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The ANA will send an NCW promotional packet to any individual, club or organization requesting information about National Coin Week. Packets for individual members will contain two posters, five booster buttons, ten booster logos and one each of Guidelines, Advance Report Forms and Final Report Forms. Club packets will contain five posters, ten booster buttons, twenty booster logos and two each of Guidelines, Advance Report Forms and Final Report Forms. All promotional packets will include assorted ANA literature and additional offers for NCW material. Extra booster buttons may be ordered at cost for 5¢ each; orders for additional posters and literature will be sent free of charge.

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BOARD MEETING

ANA 91st Anniversary Convention Board Meeting Highlights

During the August 17-22 convention at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, the ANA Board of Governors met in several sessions, some open to members and others restricted to Board members and certain officials. President Adna G. Wilde, Jr. presided, with Vice President Q. David Bowers, Governors Harry X Boosel, Grover C. Criswell, Kurt R. Krueger, "Chuck" O'Donnell, John Jay Pittman, Florence Schook and Stephen R. Taylor, Executive Vice President Edward C. Rochette, Treasurer William C. Henderson and General Counsel George D. Hatie in attendance. Present at most sessions were Assistant to the Executive Vice President Ruthann Brettell and Editor N. Neil Harris.

Unless otherwise specifically noted, actions of the Board were by unanimous vote with President Wilde voting only to break ties.

Disciplinary Actions

The following actions on complaints were taken in accordance with provisions of the bylaws.

Based on the recommendation of general counsel, the complaints by Sanford Durst, R-76099, and Larry Spanbauer, R-86667, against each other were dismissed.

Evaggelos Mastoris, R-104511, of Chicago was expelled for failure to answer official correspondence regarding a complaint alleging that he failed to pay for a coin that he received.

Erik R. Schultz, R-113120, of Colombia, South America, was expelled for failure to answer correspondence regarding a complaint alleging that he did not make good on the sale of purported counterfeit coins.

Laurie Sperber, R-96570, dba Laurie Corporation of Highland Park, N.J., was expelled for failure to pay for advertising in *The Numismatist*.

Scott Timmons, LM-3007, of Milford, New Hampshire, was expelled for failure to

answer official correspondence regarding alleged arrests. Bowers abstained from voting.

Acting on the request of Charles W. Smith, formerly LM-1074, of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, for reinstatement, the executive vice president was directed to check with all who brought complaints against him and, contingent upon all complaints being cleared up, his reinstatement was approved.

In the case of the request of Dean Tavener, formerly R-60673, of Deer Lodge, Montana, for reinstatement, it was directed that his name be published in *The Numismatist*, for 30 days indicating his request, and that he be reinstated if no objections are received. Bowers abstained from voting.

Regarding any future request for reinstatement, it was directed that such requests be published in *The Numismatist*, after notifying the person to be published, under a column by that title.

Membership Dues and Fees

Upon a recommendation of the Finance Committee, as a means of alleviating the \$300,000 deficit in budgeted income vs. expected expenses, the Board approved increases in membership dues, but not in the amounts requested. Some Board members opposed the increases in certain classes, and no changes were made in the fees for individual and club life memberships, currently \$350 and \$1,000 respectively.

The following schedule of dues becomes effective January 1, 1983. Current members may pay their 1983 dues at the old 1982 rates if remitted prior to the end of this year.

Regular (adult and club, U.S. only)	\$ 18*
Regular (adult and club, other countries)	20*
Junior (11-17 years old)	10

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Associate (child or spouse of Regular or Life member living at member's address)	3
Life (adult individual)	350
(Installment, \$60 with application, plus \$25 per month for 12 months)	
Life (club)	1,000
Nonmember subscription to <i>The Numismatist</i> (U.S. only) . .	25
Nonmember subscription (other countries)	30
Single copies of <i>The Numismatist</i>	\$2.50

* A \$5 admission fee, in addition to a full year's dues, must accompany the application for these classes.

Another Board action affecting members directly was a unanimous decision to replace membership cards only every third year hereafter as an economic measure.

Conventions

By six affirmative votes, Kagin's proposal to conduct the 1983 San Diego convention auction was signed with a proviso that ANA will pay for the performance bond. Boosel opposed and O'Donnell abstained. Without dissent, the dates for the San Diego convention were set for August 16-20, the 15th to be PNG dealers' day and the convention banquet to be Friday evening.

Florence Schook was named general chairman of the 1984 convention which will be held in Detroit (Schook abstained from voting) and the auction privilege was awarded to Kurt R. Krueger (Bowers and Krueger abstained).

The Finance Committee's recommendation that the 1984 midwinter convention be abolished and that the one for 1985 be relocated from San Antonio to Colorado Springs was rejected, only Pittman supporting it.

A motion that all ANA past presidents and their spouses be given complimentary tickets to convention banquets, including any such persons serving on the Board of Governors at that time, was approved.

Approval was given to fund a new George Bauer Memorial Award as the first place convention exhibit award in the military medals, decorations, orders

and badges class, which is now an unnamed award.

ANACS Grading Policies

In an open session on August 15, the Board heard and considered the grading proposals presented by Vice President Bowers. The Board approved the seven proposals as presented, No. 1 being completely new but Nos. 2-7 remaining substantially as published on page 1751 of the July issue. The new No. 1 proposal and a detailed discussion of the subject were published in the October 1982 issue of *The Numismatist* beginning on page 2510. Governors Krueger and Pittman voted against proposal No. 1, and Governor O'Donnell opposed proposal No. 2.

Bylaw Revisions

Three bylaw revisions were approved and became effective immediately. Sections 9 and 10 of Article VI were amended to provide for the results of elections of officers to be reported to the president and executive vice president at least 15 days prior to the first day of the annual convention, and that the executive vice president shall, at least 10 days prior to the first day of the annual convention, announce to all candidates and the numismatic press the number of votes received by each candidate.

The third provision was to confer honorary membership upon the Director of the U.S. Mint, the Superintendent of the Denver Mint and the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the duration of their terms, and that each such official be notified of the honorary membership upon assuming and leaving the office.

Miscellaneous

In an open session on August 16, approval was voted of the revised budget for 1982-1983 as proposed by the Finance Committee. The total estimated income is \$2,450,202 and the total budgeted expenses are \$2,759,748.

Changes in advertising charges recommended by the Finance Committee were approved, to be effective January 1, 1983. Credit will be extended to contract adver-

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tisers only, and a charge of 1½ percent will be applied to balances remaining unpaid after 30 days. An additional discount of 5 percent will be given to contract advertisers for payment made in advance. Payment must accompany copy submitted by noncontract advertisers.

The remaining two-color "swap ten" bank note cards, first issued in 1981 in connection with the Building Fund drive, are to be exchanged for \$10 donations but are not to be offered at discount rates.

The Board extended a written apology to John and Opal Morris, life members 74 and 73, for the error made in connection with invitations to the June 10 dedication of the expanded headquarters building.

It was directed that any item valued at more than \$5,000 be kept in a bank vault when not on display in the ANA museum.

The Board directed that a person be appointed at headquarters to review committee and audit recommendations of this and last year. Such person should be furnished with copies of these reports and this procedure should be continued on an annual basis with a report to be furnished to board members. Boosel was absent.

As is always the case, the Board discussed a number of items on which no final action was taken. Some other decisions were made but not recorded here because they relate to office procedure or are of no interest to the membership.

CONVENTIONS

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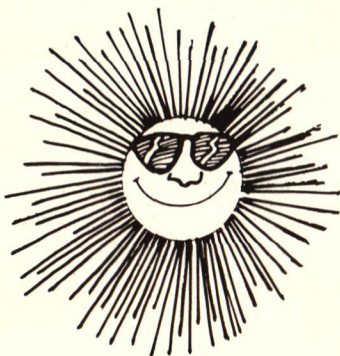
92nd Anniversary Convention

Planning A Meeting for the San Diego Convention? Now Is the Time to Reserve Your Meeting Place

All ANA member clubs, whether small or large, are invited to start planning for a club meeting in San Diego in conjunction with ANA's 92nd Anniversary Convention scheduled for August 16-20, 1983, at San Diego's beautiful Town and Country Hotel. Convention is the traditional time that many clubs meet for annual general gatherings, board meetings, educational forums, awards celebrations and just plain fun. The ANA convention staff is already at work scheduling club meetings. If your club is interested in holding a meeting at the San Diego Convention, please contact the ANA Headquarters for a Meeting Request Form so that your organization can be included in the meeting schedule. Meeting Request Forms are available from the ANA Convention Office, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366 prior to December 31, 1982.

Bourse Applications Now Accepted for San Diego

All ANA dealers desiring bourse space at the ANA's 92nd Anniversary Convention scheduled for August 15-21, 1983, at San Diego's Town & Country Hotel, should send their requests for bourse application forms to ANA Bourse Applications, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366. Deadline for receipt of completed forms at ANA Headquarters is December 13, 1982.



1983 Midwinter

Fun in the Sun in Tucson

Call for Advertisers

ANA members are invited to support the Tucson Midwinter Convention by advertising in the convention program. Full and half page advertisement space is available in the program for \$120 and \$72 respectively. Advertisers are encouraged to submit new copy for ads and to send their insertion orders to Evelyn Rowland Bowron, Advertising Assistant, American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366. To facilitate ease in handling, all insertion orders must be accompanied by full payment and should be plainly marked "Tucson Program."

Call for Exhibits

Now is the time to request exhibit applications for the Tucson Midwinter Convention, scheduled for February 24-27, 1983. Midwinter exhibits are noncompetitive and provide an excellent opportunity for those collectors not interested in competing to share their collections with fellow numismatists. All exhibitors will receive a Medal of Participation designed especially for the Tucson convention. Exhibit applications can be requested of Exhibits Chairman Robert A. Lamb, 2721 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85716. Applications must be submitted no later than January 28, 1983.

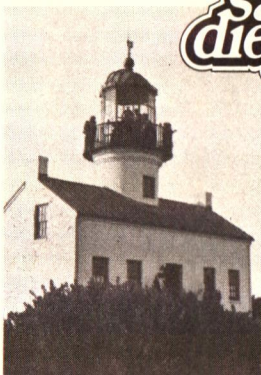
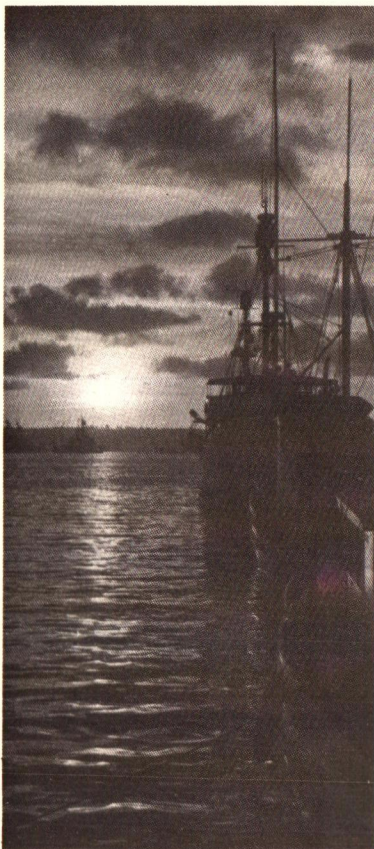
Call for Patrons

All interested ANA members are invited to help support the ANA 1983 Midwinter Convention in Tucson by extending their support as Convention Patrons. Patron support helps to defray the general costs of the convention and the many special events and tours offered for the ANA's week in the Southwestern sunshine.

Four categories for this tax deductible patron support are available to members: Collector, minimum \$10; Dealer, minimum \$10; Club, minimum \$15; and Benefactor, minimum \$25. Of course, larger donations are encouraged and will be most appreciated.

With your help, the Tucson Midwinter Convention is sure to be one of the most memorable of all. Send your check made payable to the ANA 1983 Midwinter Convention to: Patrons Chairman, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

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ANA Museum Open on Saturdays



Edward C. Rochette, executive vice president of the American Numismatic Association, has announced that the ANA museum and library will continue to be open to the public on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ANA facilities will be closed on Sundays, Mondays and national holidays. Admission to the ANA museum and library is free.

The newly-expanded ANA museum features seven separate galleries consisting of a rich and diverse display of collectors' delights in the form of coins, medals, tokens and currency. Among the coins on display is one of the most famous and valuable coins in the world, the Linderman specimen of the 1804 dollar. "Out of this world" is used to describe Lunar Sample 22, a genuine moon rock featured with recent medals cast in honor of achievements in outer space exploration. Other interesting exhibits include a special gallery displaying numismatic

material commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington and a numismatic showcase honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coins and mementos of the Pikes Peak gold rush era and related fiscal documents on display in the museum, including an outstanding photographic display of the Pikes Peak and Cripple Creek areas, have attracted the interest of visitors to ANA. Another featured collection displays coins and items relating to the Presidents of the United States, including medals struck in honor of the inaugurations of our nation's leaders.

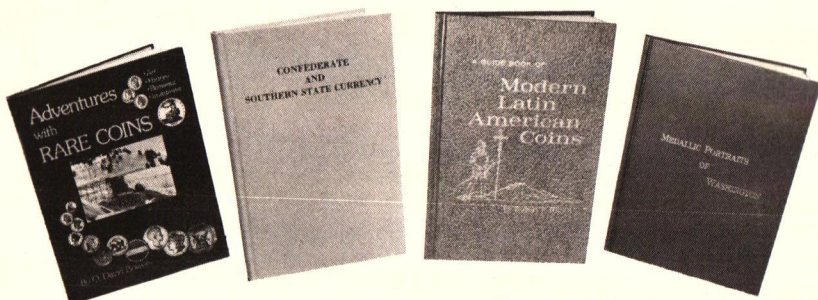
Located at 818 North Cascade Avenue in Colorado Springs, the ANA museum and library have proven to be of interest to all members of the family. Further information about the American Numismatic Association and its many services can be obtained by calling the ANA at (303) 632-2646.

Pledge of Monthly Donation to Benefit Handicapped

Edward C. Rochette, executive vice president of the American Numismatic Association, has accepted a pledge of \$500 per month from First Coinvestors, Inc. toward the funding of a program to assist the disabled to better understand and appreciate their heritage on world coinage. The Albertson, New York company, represented by President and Chairman of the Board Stanley Apfelbaum, made the initial gift at ANA's recent 91st Anniversary Convention in Boston. In his statement, Apfelbaum stated that subsequent \$500 monthly gifts will continue for an indeterminate period of time.

Apfelbaum is a member of the Board of Governors of the Human Resources Center located in Albertson, Long Island, an organization dedicated to providing educational, vocational, social and recreational opportunities for the severely handicapped. Thus far at the ANA's national headquarters, ramps, rest room facilities and an elevator have been provided to accommodate the disabled. The next project underway is the Hall of Nations where three-dimensional models of coins will be exhibited permitting the visually handicapped to experience the feel of coins of the world.

ANA Book Club to be Initiated



There are hundreds of numismatic books on the market; yet, a number of numismatists are not reading them. Why? Because they either do not know of the existence of such books or the price tags are too steep. As an added membership benefit and a helpful way of underwriting the costs of maintaining the ANA Library, the American Numismatic Association will initiate the ANA Book Club beginning January 1, 1983. The Association feels that the new service will be valuable, timely and enjoyable for all members.

Every year a variety of reference books are donated to the Association as publishers' overstock. Each month the Association will offer a single reference title as that month's selection. Those members subscribing to the club will receive an advance mailing and will have priority

on purchasing the book at a greatly reduced price. After 30 days any unsold copies will be advertised in *The Numismatist*.

Membership in the ANA Book Club is free; all a member of the ANA need do is write and request the Book Club's advance mailing. Members will not be required to purchase any certain number of books; all names will be kept on the list for one year and will be automatically renewed if a book was purchased during the calendar year. To facilitate ordering, subscribers to the ANA Book Club will receive an order form with their monthly advance mailing. The books offered will be of the type needed for a good solid numismatic reference library. ANA members wishing to take advantage of the club may write the ANA Book Club, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366.

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LIBRARY UPDATE

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THE MACMILLAN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NUMISMATICS, by Richard G. Doty. 1982. 355p. Illus. Cloth cover. Macmillan Publishing Co., 866 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022. \$34.95.

To date, the most significant numismatic dictionary has been *Dictionary of Numismatic Names* by Albert Frey first published in 1917 with a new edition from Spinks in 1973. This new reference by Richard Doty, although it does not replace Frey's work, will be a useful reference for numismatists. Fewer words are defined but the entries are indeed "encyclopedic" with lengthy explanations and historical notes. This publication will be of interest to both the beginner and the advanced collector looking for a ready source of information on different aspects of numismatics.

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COINS, CULTURE, AND HISTORY IN THE ANCIENT WORLD: NUMISMATIC AND OTHER STUDIES IN HONOR OF BLUMA L. TRELL, edited by Lionel Casson and Martin Price. 1981. 205p. Illus. Cloth cover. Wayne State University Press, Detroit, MI 48202. \$22.50.

Sources of information about ancient history, especially primary sources, are often elusive and incomplete. Coins have long been a way for historians to acquire more knowledge of this time. Half of the essays in this book deal with coins and the clues they provide toward a better understanding of the ancient world. The other half of the book deals with archaeology, geography, language and literature of the ancient world.

This volume was published in honor of Bluma Trell, a professor of Greek at New York University. A numismatist as well, Miss Trell is the author of *Coins and their Cities: Architecture on the Ancient Coins of Greece, Rome and Palestine*.

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GREEK IMPERIAL COINS AND THEIR VALUES: THE LOCAL COINAGES OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, by David R. Sear. 1982. 636p. Illus. Hard Cover. B.A. Seaby, Ltd.,

Audley House, 11 Margaret St., London W1N 8AT, England. \$55.

Collectors already familiar with Sear's previous works, *Greek Coins and their Values* and *Roman Coins and their Values* will particularly welcome this important addition to the popular family of Seaby Publications. Designed as a supplement to the latter volume on Roman State coinage, the present study covers the contemporary provincial issues "for the first time under a chronological classification, reign by reign." However, it is also an indispensable companion to the former work on earlier Greek coinages, providing a geographic arrangement of the mints for each ruler. The final 125 pages of text comprise two additional sections: first, the "quasi-autonomous" Greek Imperial issues, which omit the names and portraits of Roman suzerains; and second, the issues of contemporaneous independent kingdoms and client states, including such coinages as the Parthian and Judean, and those of the Celtic dynasties of Britain.

The 6,034 items described in these listings of local coinages of the Roman Imperial period permit an excellent overview of "what must surely be the most neglected major series in the whole of ancient classical numismatics." Archaeologists and historians, to whom these issues are often of even greater interest than are those of the Roman State, will of course continue to regret that "the immense volume and complexity of the coinage has ruled out any attempt at completeness." Indeed, Sear has "merely aimed at the inclusion of representative examples from the majority of mints active under each reign," yet individual references cited will be a convenient guide to the extended literature for interested students.

Frank Purvey's photographs, placed within the body of the text, are extraordinarily good, especially in consideration of the difficulties posed by the condition in which so many of the provincial issues are typically encountered. The wealth of illustrations (numbering 1,750)

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is of additional value as reference material because of the relationship between many of the coin types and major art works and styles from the provinces.

Other valuable features of the book include ten excellent maps; a complete alphabetical table listing all of the mints and giving location, inscriptions, magistrates' names, era used, and marks of value in reference to each mint; a table of eras providing a concordance of all the dating systems represented in the coinage; a section on types and inscriptions covering themes and subjects depicted and including lists of names, titles, epithets and definitions; an essay on dates and another on denominations and marks of value. There is an index to the rulers whose coins are listed but not to the mints represented.

That the local coinages are of great numismatic importance cannot be questioned. The vast number of types found among these issues touches many facets of culture throughout the three hundred year period during which they were minted. The well-worn conditions that they characteristically exhibit would alone testify to their significance as a circulating medium of exchange. It is, indeed, to be hoped "that this new presentation of a much neglected series will stimulate interest in all aspects of Greek Imperial coinage." *Robert W. Hoge*

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NUMISMATIC OTTAWA: AN ANTHOLOGY OF ARTICLES FROM THE CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB BULLETIN PUBLISHED IN HONOR OF J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON FOR COIN WEEK CANADA, 1982, edited by R. Paul Nadin-Davis and Frank Fesco. 1982. 137p. Illus. Paper cover. City of Ottawa Coin Club, Box 2180, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. \$12.

The death of J. Douglas Ferguson left a void in the numismatic worlds of both the United States and Canada. Former president of the American Numismatic Association and honorary president of the Canadian Numismatic Association, he will be remembered for his many contributions to numismatics. This volume provides a remembrance of Ferguson and also a tribute to a coin club in the form

of a sampling of the articles published by the club. Articles on Canadian numismatics predominate but a few on other countries have been included in addition to a biography of Mr. Ferguson.

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MERCHANT TOKENS OF WASHINGTON D.C., by David E. Schenkman. 1982. 80p. Illus. Hard cover. Jade House Publications, P.O. Box 155, Bryans Road, MD 20616. \$20.

As time passes, more and more catalogs are compiled on previously unlisted areas of numismatics. The Fuld's book on store cards from the Civil War has been an important reference for many years but merchants have continued to issue tokens since the Civil War. Many individual state catalogs of tokens have been published and now we have one of the District of Columbia. Limited only to merchant tokens issued from 1860 to 1960, the author has added historical notes on each company to his description of the piece. Values are given and almost every token is illustrated. In most cases the mintage number of these pieces is apparently quite low, making this a challenging series for collectors.

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MEXICAN PAPER MONEY, researched and compiled by Duane D. Douglas, Claudio Verrey, and Alberto Hidalgo. 1982. 368p. Illus. Paper cover. Krause Publications, Iola, WI 54990. \$22.50.

The proximity of Mexico makes numismatic items from across the border popular with many U.S. collectors. Krause Publications' recent catalog provides a list of more than 6,500 notes of Mexico from 1813 to the present. Arranged by the state in which they were issued, the catalog contains six different types of currency and Bank of Mexico notes. An index provides references by town. Many of the notes are illustrated and market values are given for four grades or conditions.

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Association bylaws require publication of each application but not necessarily the applicant's mailing address. However, if the option to omit the street or box number was not exercised on the application form, it has been published herein. Such applicants should realize that numerous mailings will follow from various dealers and other numismatic organizations that scan the monthly publication of applicants.

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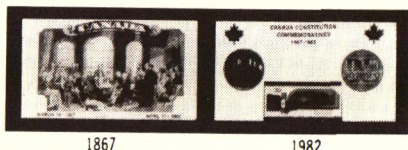
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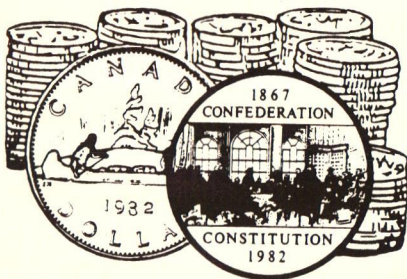
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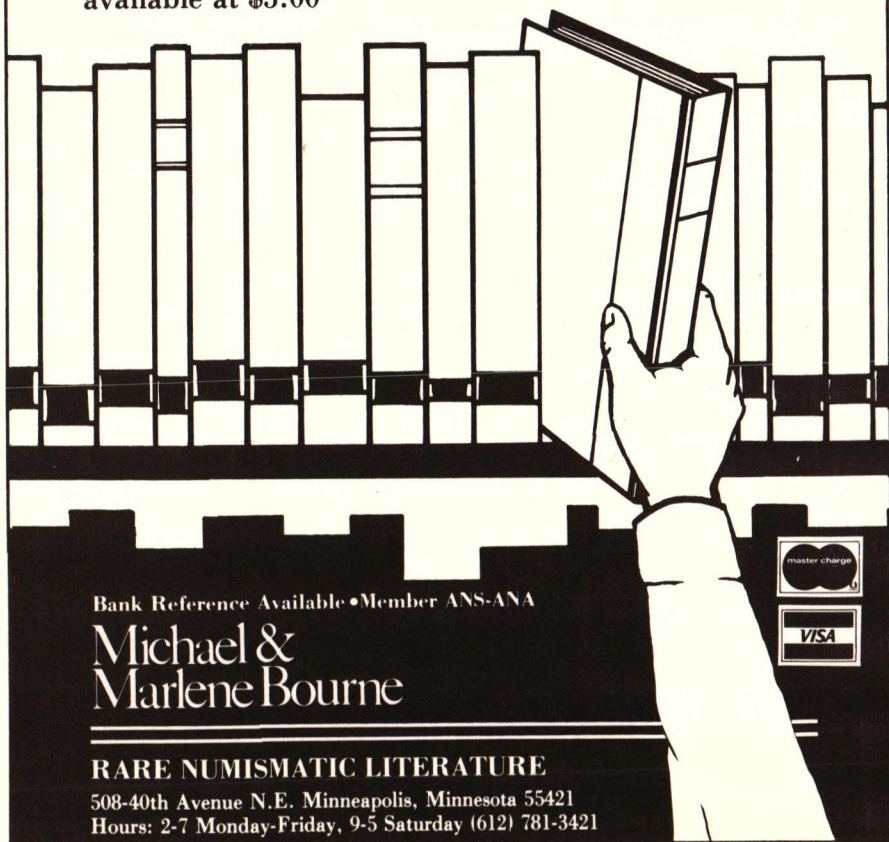
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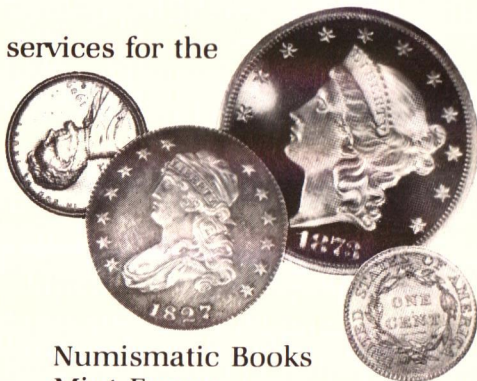
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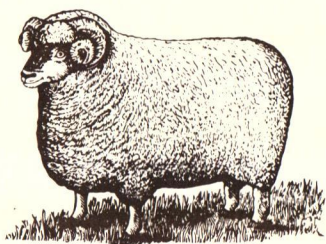


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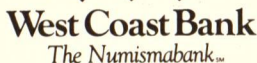
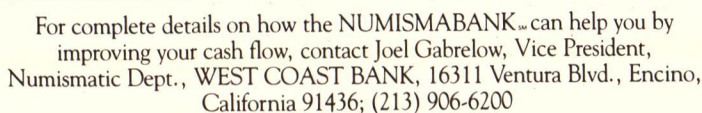
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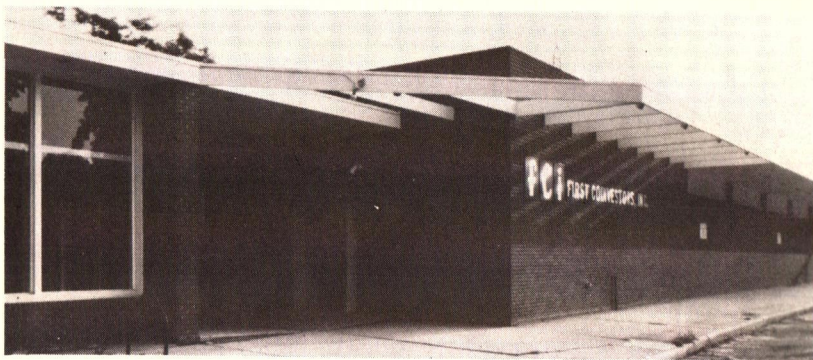
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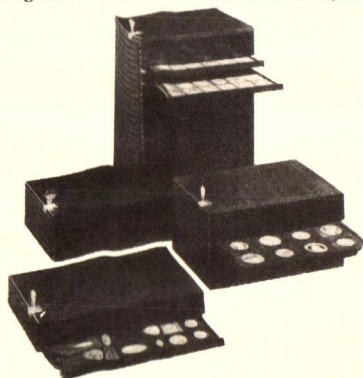
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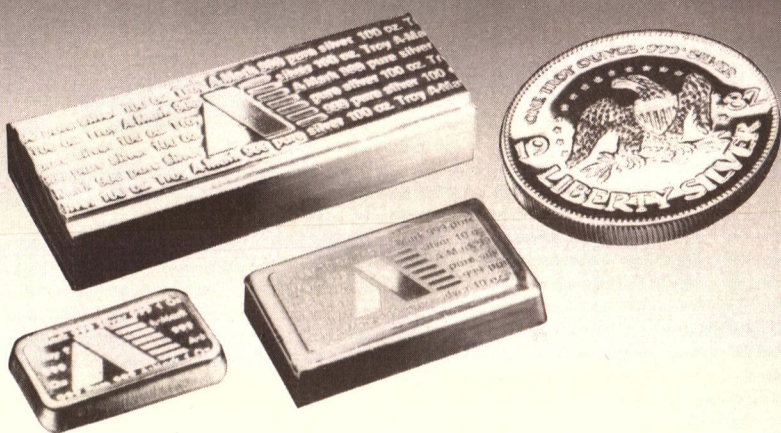
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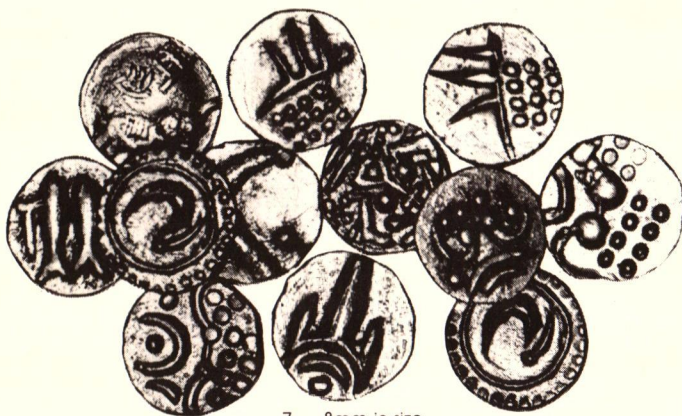
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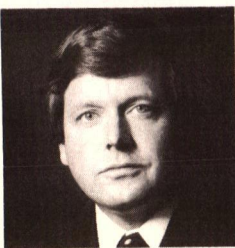
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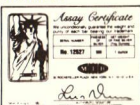
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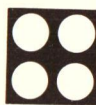
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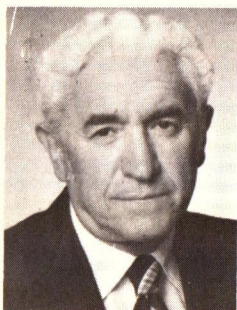
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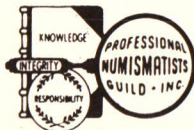
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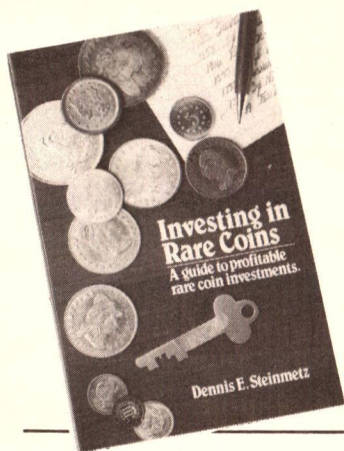
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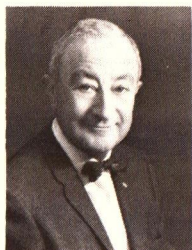
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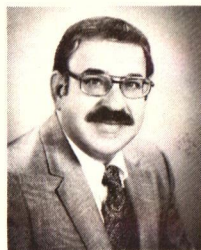
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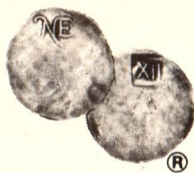
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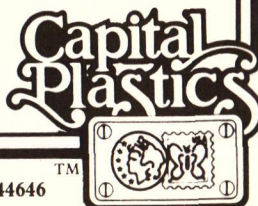
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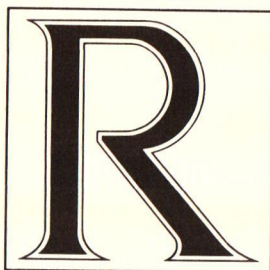
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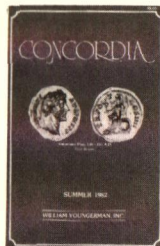
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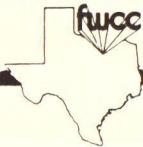
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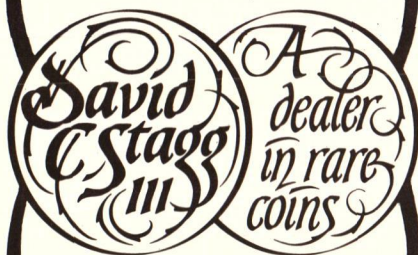


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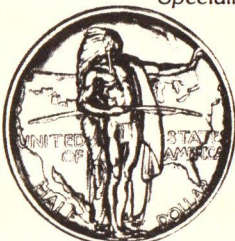
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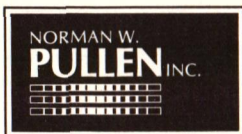
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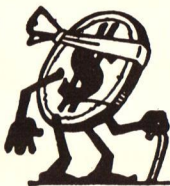
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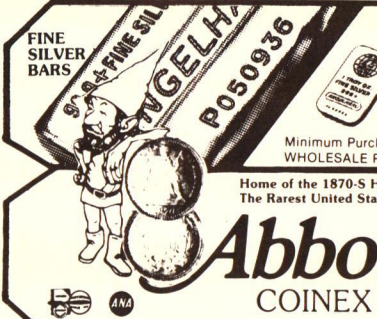
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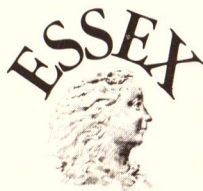
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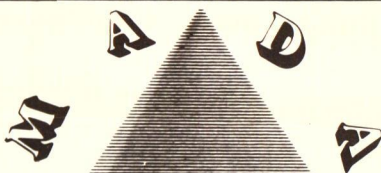
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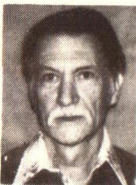
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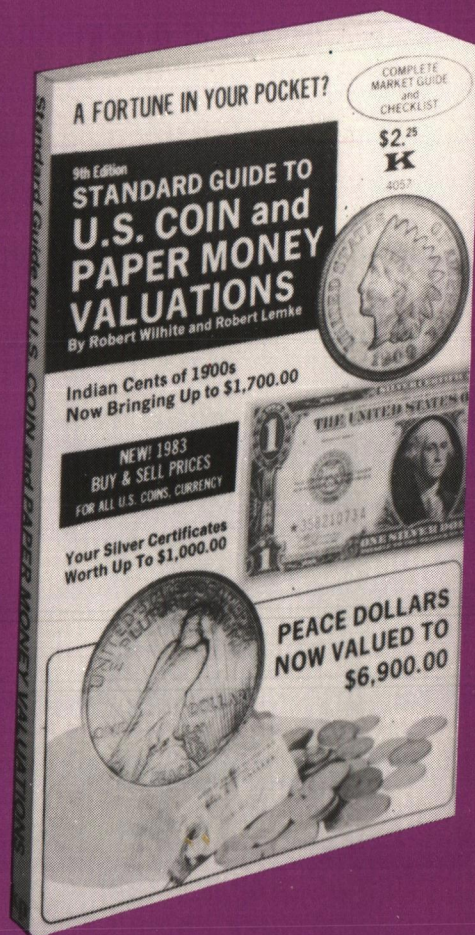
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